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NEW BATTALION FOR HONGKONG.

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The 2nd Battalion The Suffolk Regiment, at present stationed at Gibraltar, is under orders to proceed to Hongkong, according to a Reuter's message received from Gibraltar this morning, which states that the information is authoritative.

Enquiries at Command Headquarters this morning revealed that Reuter's information is correct, though at present further details are lacking.

THE OFFICERS.

Lieut. Colonel F. S. Cooper, D.S.O., commands the battalion which is being sent to double the Hongkong garrison, while under him are Major A. G. Taylor, Major A. M. Cuthill, Major N. A. Bittlestone, Capt. R. W. Leach, Capt. G. G. Carpenter, D.S.O., Capt. G. F. Hill, M.C., Capt. E. H. W. Backhouse, Capt. E. H. Faulconer Wright, Capt. F. C. Berill, Capt. P. R. W. Cartew, and Capt. S. P. Inskip. The adjutant is Lieut. H. R. Hopking.

Sixteen subalterns complete the list of officers as follows: Lieutenants V. C. Russell, D.S.O., M.C., F. H. Vinden, N. A. Bott, M.C., D.C.M., M.M., R. H. Maxwell, R. Q. March, E. R. D. Elias, O. A. Watts, G. T. E. Grey, W. J. G. Walters, R. H. H. Unwin, A. R. D. Heyland, R. N. Charrington, N. M. Barnardiston, R. H. I. Hopkins, Second-Lieutenants I. L. Wight, and J. R. H. Unwin. Lieut. B. G. F. Drew is Quarter Master.

WITH REGIMENT IN 1914.

It is of interest to note that four of the officers were with the Suffolk Regiment in 1914, three of them with the battalion. Capt. R. W. Leach was with the 1st Battalion from 1910 to 1914 as first Lieutenant, while Capt. E. H. W. Backhouse, Capt. P. R. W. Cartew and Capt. S. P. Inskip joined the 2nd Battalion, and were second Lieutenants together in the early days of the war.

BATTLE HONOURS.

Prior to the Great War, the Regiment's battle honours were Dettingen, Minden, Seringapatam, India, South Africa 1851-2-3, New Zealand, Afghanistan, South Africa 1899-1902.

The Suffolks had twenty-two battalions in the Great War, and their battle honours are appended.—Mons, Le Cateau, Retreat from Mons, Marne 1914, Aisne 1914, La Bassse 1914, Givenchy 1914, Neuve Chappelle, Ypres 1915 '17, Gravenstafel, St. Julien, Fezenay, Bellewaerde, Aubers, Hooge 1915, Loos, Somme 1916 '18, Albert 1916 '18, Bapaume 1916 '18, St. Quentin, Bapaume 1918, Lys, Estaires, Messines 1918, Hazebrouck, Baillicourt, Kemmel, Bethune, Scherpenberg, Armentiers, Hindenburg, Line, Epehy, Canal du Nord, Courtrai, Selle, Valenciennes, Sambre, France and Flanders 1914-18, Struma, Doiran 1918, Macedonia 1916-18, Suvla, Landing at Suvla, Scimitar Hill, Gallipoli 1915, Egypt 1915-17, Gaza, El Muqhar, Nabi Saznwi, Jerusalem; Jaffa, Tell Asur, Megiddo, Sharon, Palestine 1917-18.

The badge is the "The Castle and Key, superscribed 'Gibraltar 1779-83, and with the motto underneath 'Montis Insignis Calpe'." The uniform is red and facings yellow, while the depot is at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

TO-DAY

BOYCOTT EXTENSION MOVE.

ORGANISATION FORMED AT WUCHOW.

COPYING CANTON PLAN.

According to a prominent merchant who has just arrived in the Colony from Wuchow, a branch of the anti-British Boycott Extension Committee has been established there. So far, however, the movement is making no headway excepting that it is requesting merchants to report particulars of their British goods which they hold, just as is being done in Canton. Goods carried by steamers from Hongkong he says, are free from molestation.

It is said that the four Commercial Chambers in Wuchow will call a joint meeting with the officials of the Steamboat Labour Union and the Stevedore Union to discuss points arising from the suggested boycott. As is known, the Anti-British Boycott Extension Committee in Canton has passed a resolution that after the Chinese New Year the boycott rules must be observed and the so-called Enemy Goods Investigation Corps will be organised to check any possible inflow of British goods. The branch of this Committee in Wuchow is now actively urging the Commercial Chambers and Labour Unions to follow suit.

BANDITS CAUGHT.

OVER FORTY EXECUTED.

According to official French news, word has been received from Lungchow that repressive measures have been effectively taken by the Chinese authorities of Kwangsi, against piratical bands who have committed, for the past two months, acts of banditry, on the Yunnan-Tonkin border, operating on the Lung-chow-Nanquian road, in one of which incidents it will be remembered, the French Consul at Lungchow, M. Robert, was killed.

The pursuit columns organized by the leading man of the region have arrested numerous bandits belonging to the band of the notorious bandit chief, Chau Kenting. Nine of these robbers were executed near Kiang Lung Ngao, the scene of the murder of the Consul on the 31st October. Thirty-two others were also shot at Lungchow, on the 19th November, on a market day, and at a public place in the town, while 40 more prisoners are awaiting their trial.

MUSSOLINI'S IDEAS.

PACIFIC BUT NOT PACIFIST.

Rome, Dec. 17. Signor Mussolini, interviewed, emphasised that a Franco-Italian agreement was one of the fundamental necessities of European evolution.

His guiding idea was the necessity of satisfying Italy's crying need of moral, spiritual and physical expansion by means of a pacific but not pacifist policy. But that was nowise incompatible with friendship to and co-operation with other nations. He urged the necessity of abandoning the tendency to regard Asia as barbarians and was of opinion that the so-called Asiatic peril would cease when the barrier between Eastern and Western mentalities was broken down. He advocated the continual re-establishment of the balance of power as the best formula for the maintenance of peace.—Reuter.

M. CHICHERIN ILL.

IN A GERMAN SANATORIUM.

Frankfort, Dec. 17. M. Chicherin is undergoing treatment in a sanatorium here.

HANKOW PARLEY.

BRITISH MINISTER'S EFFORTS.

BETTER UNDERSTANDING.

Hankow, Dec. 16. Conversations between the British Minister, Mr. Miles Lampson, and Mr. Eugene Chen continue almost daily.

While, naturally, no official statements as regards their nature are being given out—both sides being pledged to secrecy in this matter—it is understood that a most considerable amount of ground has been covered.

The fact that each side now knows, and appreciates the others' viewpoint on many matters on which there has hitherto been misunderstanding, is felt to show continued progress, if not towards a solution of all the complicated problems involved in the question of the recognition of the Southern Government, at least towards a better understanding by each party of the precise issues involved in that question.

Mr. Miles Lampson is expected to leave here to-morrow for Peiping.

A FINAL MEETING.

Hankow, Dec. 17. The concluding meeting, at least for the time being, between Mr. Miles Lampson and Mr. Eugene Chen was held on H.M.S. Petersfield to-day.—Reuter.

OBSCURE WAR SITUATION.

Meanwhile, the military situation in the north is most obscure. In no quarter here, official or unofficial, is it understood. Until it develops, it is impossible to say precisely how strong the southern position here is.

KUOMINTANG'S MOVE.

That the Southerners feel it to be secure is evidenced by the almost wholesale transference of the Kuomintang Party records and documents from Canton to Hankow, these coming overland. There has also been a transference of some of the Government's records, but not to the same extent. Five professional orators who address popular demonstrations at various places en route, are accompanying the cavalcade of party officials, despatch boxes and soldier guards now on their way from Canton to Hankow.

JAPAN NOT YET CONSULTED.

Hitherto, Mr. Saburi, the Chief of the Treaty Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Office, who is investigating conditions in China, has not had any official conversations with the Southern Government, and he has not yet met Mr. Eugene Chen.—Reuter.

SAD PHILIPPINES DISASTER.

SIX DROWNED AS BOAT OVERTURNS.

Valentin Alcazar, chief of the engineering section of the Iwanig Penal colony, Palawan, his wife, two nieces and two prisoners were drowned last week while returning on barge to Iwanig from Puerto Princesa, according to telegram received in Manila from Ramon P. Mitra, superintendent of the colony.

Five others who were on the barge with Alcazar were saved, according to the report. The bodies of Mr. Alcazar, his wife and Gerolina, one of the nieces have been recovered. Three are still missing. They are Jose Tan, Ramon Dilicio and Filomeno, another niece of Alcazar.

Superintendent Mitra's report indicates that Mr. Alcazar was largely to blame for the accident. Notwithstanding the rough condition of the sea and the existence of better travelling facilities there at the time, Alcazar insisted on taking his barge towed by a launch.

RAID ON BIAS BAY PIRATES.

CANTON AEROPLANES TO BE USED.

HOPES OF SUCCESS.

Hankow, Dec. 16. Dealing with the proposed raid on Bias Bay by Chinese troops, the Canton Gazette says the suppression campaign plans which were drawn up by General Li Tsui-ssu have been approved by the body specially appointed to consider this matter by the Committee for Political Affairs.

Two divisions are to be assigned to the task of rounding up the bandits, according to the plan, and a small squadron of gunboats will be detailed to co-operate with the land forces whenever necessary.

Aeroplanes are also to be used, two having been specially set aside for the purpose of bombing pirate strongholds which are inaccessible to troops and marines.

The authorities in charge are optimistic about the results of this determined campaign. They prophecy that the dens of the sea pirates will be cleaned up within three months.

DEATH OF MR. G. H. HASKETT.

A POPULAR P. W. D. OFFICIAL.

It is with extreme regret that we have to record the death of Mr. George Henry Haskett, A. I. S. A., Superintendent of Accounts and Stores in the Public Works Department, which took place at Hanoi on the 8th instant. News of the sad event was received in the Colony yesterday.

The late Mr. Haskett, accompanied by his wife, went Home on leave early this year and was due to return at the end of this month.

It appears that he recently underwent an operation for tonsillitis in a nursing home in Birmingham, and that he never completely recovered consciousness, a clot of blood forming on the brain. He was later moved from the nursing home, but failed to recover and passed away as stated.

The deceased, who was 42 years of age, was twice married, and he leaves, besides his widow (who is a daughter of the Rev. Charles Bone, former Wesleyan minister in Hongkong), a little daughter by his first wife. Much sympathy will be felt for the widow and relatives in the heavy loss which they have suffered.

The late Mr. Haskett joined the P. W. D. in May, 1913, as Inspector of Accounts, later became acting Superintendent of Accounts and Stores. He was at one time Hon. Secretary of the Civil Service Cricket Club and was also a keen Volunteer. An active member of the Wanchai Wesleyan Church, he some years ago held office therein as Secretary to the Quarterly Meeting. He was a man of sterling qualities and extremely popular amongst all with whom he came into contact.

RARE FIRST COPY.

BOOK SOLD FOR OVER 22,000.

Rugby, Dec. 17. A first edition copy of John Bunyan's "Book for Boys and Girls" was sold to-day for £2,100. Only one other copy of this edition is known to exist and that is in the British Museum.

Romance is attached to the event. The book was, with a number of others, bought by a woman at Hemel Hempstead for half-a-crown some years ago. It was only recently that her daughter, who is a post office worker, showed it to a local librarian. He submitted it to Mr. Hodgeson the book auctioneer. Mr. Hodgeson recognised its rarity and auctioned it.

EUROPE UNREST.

TWO CHANGES OF GOVERNMENTS.

COUP IN LITHUANIA.

Berlin, Dec. 17.

The Government has resigned owing to the Socialist vote of non-confidence being adopted by the Reichstag by 249 votes to 171.—Reuter.

HOW THE VOTING WENT.

Later.

The Reichstag has adjourned until January 19.

The majority against the Government consisted of Socialists, German Nationals, Communists and Extreme Nationalists. The German Nationals voted in favour of the motion of non-confidence, despite President Hindenburg's requesting their leader Count Westarp not to do so owing to reasons of foreign policy, as important negotiations with the Entente were proceeding for which a stable Government was essential.

The German Nationals voted for the first time with Socialists, not because they approved of the Reichswahl, but because, as Count Westarp stated, they considered it time for Germany to have a stable Government backed by a majority in the Reichstag.

President Hindenburg has requested Dr. Marx to carry on until a new government is formed. The German Nationals are undoubtedly anxious to participate in the new Government, and possibly a coalition with them will be formed. On the contrary, the Socialists may be willing to take over the reins with the support of the bourgeois parties. Anyhow, it is certain that Dr. Stresemann will continue to be Foreign Minister and his foreign policy will be continued.—Reuter.

LITHUANIAN REVOLT.

Berlin, Dec. 17. It is reliably reported from Memel that the Lithuanian Government has been overthrown and its members arrested. Martial law has been declared, and General Smetana, backed by military forces, has taken over the Government.

BLOODLESS COUP.

Riga, Dec. 17.

The coup d'état in Lithuania was carried out bloodlessly. Placards were posted in the streets accusing the Government of selling the country to Bolsheviks and foreigners, and announcing that the military forces were therefore temporarily taking control.—Reuter.

DANISH POLICY.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17. Speaking in the Rigsdag, the new Premier, Madsen Myddal, in outlining the Cabinet programme stated that it would consider its principal task to be the discovery of a solution of the economic crisis by reducing both State and district expenditure in order to achieve a substantial reduction in the taxation which weighed heavily on the economic life of the nation. It would be necessary to adapt a number of laws voted during the inflation period and war-time to the present economic conditions.

M. Myddal announced that he would endeavour, as soon as possible, to come to a definite arrangement with regard to the affairs of the Landmåns Bank and try to attract foreign capital so as to solve the question of credit. He foreseen an amendment of the existing taxation laws with a view to the encouragement and development of voluntary thrift.—Reuter.

FRENCH BUDGET.

Paris, Dec. 17.

The Senate, by 250 votes to 6, has passed the Budget, showing an estimated surplus of 105 million francs.

Mr. Poincaré declared that the Treasury was now in a more favourable position than it had been for several years.—Reuter.

Bulls and Inners

From the Office Butts.

"Theatre-Gore."—We quite agree that it would be appropriate for cotters have adopted the French H.M.S. *Pinafore* to be manned by the *Yeomen of the Guard* when passus!

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INTERESTING CEREMONY AT
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Military circles were interested in a wedding which took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday morning, when Mrs. Gladys Mary Compton Smith, who recently arrived in the Colony from Home, was married to Major Guy Lansbury Peterson, R.A.S.C.

The bride is the widow of the late Major Compton Smith, who, it will be recalled, was killed in Ireland by Republican forces after having been captured whilst engaged sketching and held as hostage for the survivors of a party of Irish volunteers.

The service was conducted by the Cathedral Chaplain, the Rev. H. V. Copley Moyle. It was a quiet wedding, attended only by a few officers, friends of the bridegroom, and Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the R.A.S.C. and I.A.S.C. (permanent staff).

The General Officer Commanding the Troops in China, Major General C.C. Luard, C.B., gave the bride away, and Major Bennett, M.C., was best man.

The bride and bridegroom passed under an archway of crossed swords as they left the Cathedral for Headquarters House, where the reception was held. Later Major and Mrs. Peterson left for Repulse Bay, before proceeding to Fanling, where the honeymoon will be spent.

Amongst those present at the ceremony and later at the reception were: Mrs. and Miss Luurd, Col. and Mrs. C. Russell, Brown Col. and Mrs. Boylan Smith, Mrs. Macready, Commander Broadley, Commander Pitcairn-Jones, Lieut. Col. C. M. Stephen, Major Roberts, Capt. E. W. Morris, Capt. and Mrs. H. N. E. Walker, Major L. J. Lightfoot, Major A. R. Stamford, Lieut. and Mrs. C. H. Atkins, Lieut. R. Q. F. Johnston (A.D.C.) and Mrs. Johnston.

MORE WARSHIPS
COMING.

FOURTH DESTROYER
FLOTILLA UNDER ORDERS.

Malta, Dec. 17. The Fourth Destroyer Flotilla has been ordered to China and is now taking in munitions and stores.

The flotilla will probably leave this afternoon.

The cruiser *Caradoc* may accompany the destroyers.—*Reuter*.

The *Caradoc* is 4,120 tons, armed with five 6-inch and two 3-inch guns and four 3-pounders, and belongs to the 3rd Cruiser Squadron in the Mediterranean. She was recommissioned at Devonport on Feb. 16 this year. She is of similar type to the *Carlisle* of the China station.

The Fourth Destroyer Flotilla consists of the following:

H. M. S. *Broke* (the leader).
Vansittart.
Venomous.
Volunteer.
Whitehall.
Whitshed.
Witch.
Worcester.
Wren.

The *Broke* is of 1,750 tons, and has five 4.7-inch guns and one 3-inch gun, whilst the other destroyers are armed with four 4.7-inchers, and with the exception of the *Witch* (1,350) are of 1,325 tons.

In addition, we understand that the cruiser *Emerald* (7,550 tons, seven 6-inch, three 4-inch guns, four 3-pounders) from the East Indies squadron, is due about Christmas Day; whilst H.M.S. *Enterprise* (of similar tonnage and armament to the *Emerald*) which has been expected for some time, is arriving to-day, to join the China squadron.

END OF THE B.B.C.

NEW CORPORATION NOT TO
BE FETTERED.

Rugby, Dec. 17. The control of telephonic broadcasting in Britain passes at the end of the year from the British Broadcasting Company to a State controlled corporation.

At a dinner last night, the Premier and other prominent men paid tribute to the manner in which private enterprise had developed telephonic broadcasting in Britain during the past four years, making particular reference to the quality of entertainment provided, and the complete impartiality of the domestic news bulletins.

The Postmaster-General, referring to the corporation's powers, said the changed status would give the corporation more freedom. So far from it being fettered by legislature, it would be more independent, apart from restrictions which for the present were imposed upon broadcasting of editorial and of controversial matter of particular types. The conduct of business, technical arrangements and composition of programmes lay solely in the discretion of the governors of the new corporation, and this discretion he promised to maintain.

Mr. Reich, present managing director of the company, who will be Director General of the new corporation, said the world's chief broadcast system would be believed, eventually, to be interrelated that barriers of nationality, language and geography would be overcome.—*British Wireless*.

HANKOW DEMANDS

RACE CLUB PROFITS TO BE
TAPPED.

Hankow, Dec. 17. The Political Bureau has demanded one fifth of the profits of the Hankow Race Club, which, as is well known, is not only a race club but also the chief foreign recreation and social amusement centre here.

It is situated in Chinese territory, a mile and a half outside the British concession, and is registered as a British company.

The Bureau also demands that the clubs books be audited by the Bureau, as are at present the books of all Chinese storekeepers in the native city.

All the Chinese jewellery stores have closed down on account of the demands by the unions and the high taxation.—*Reuter*.

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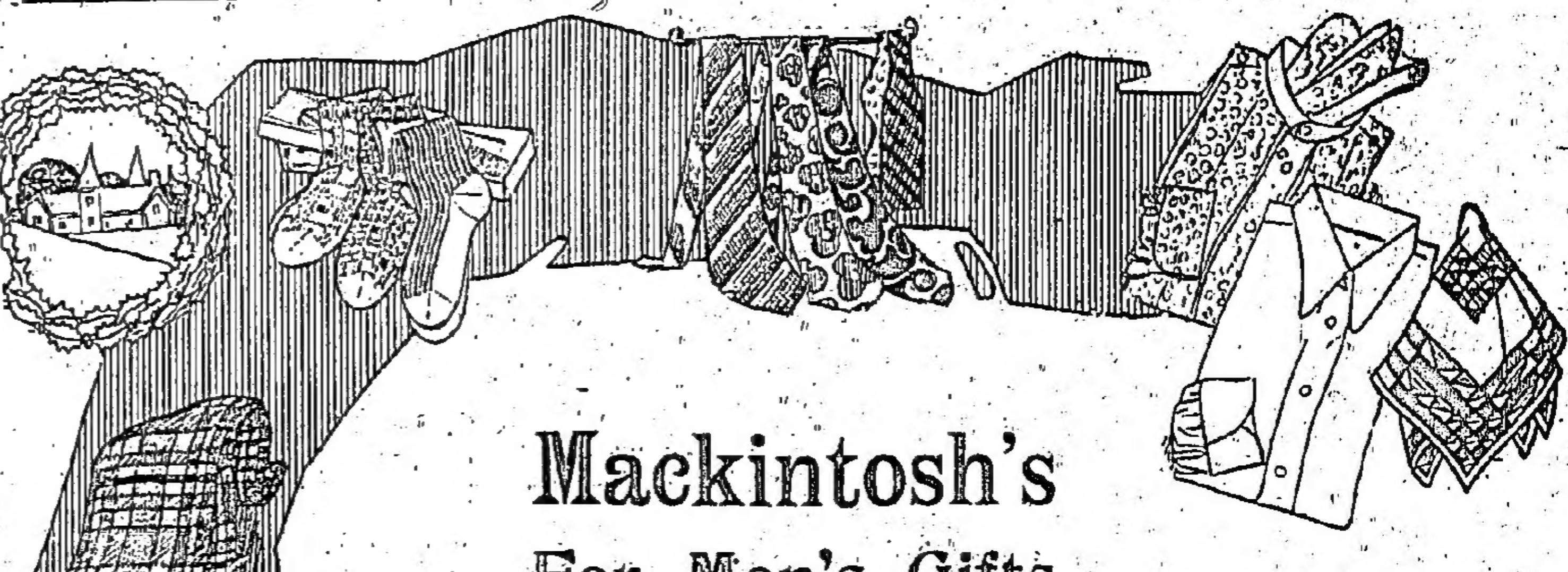
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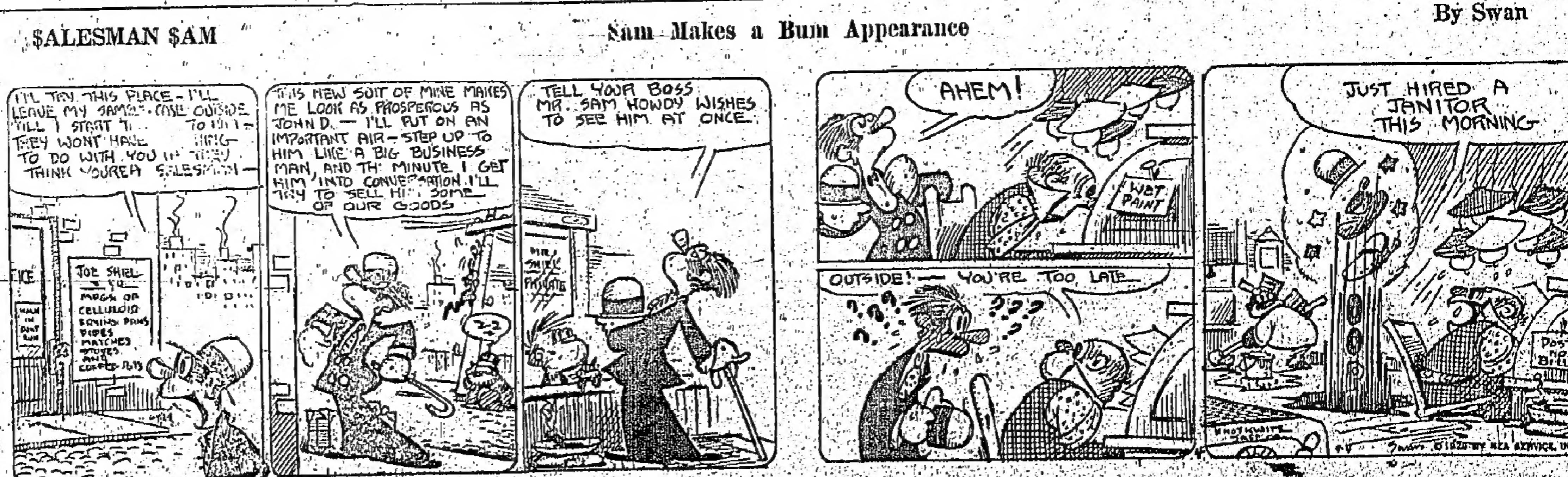
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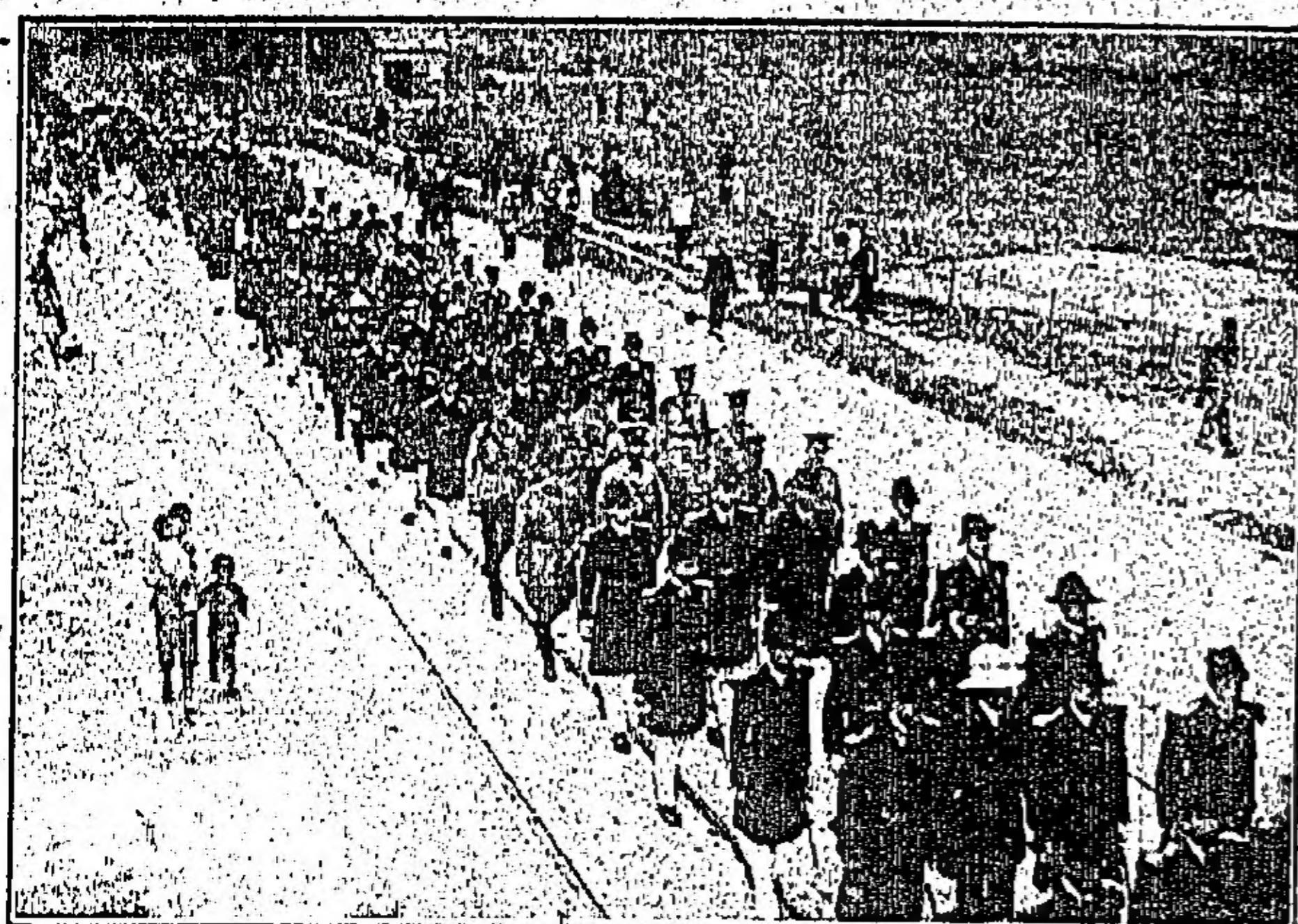
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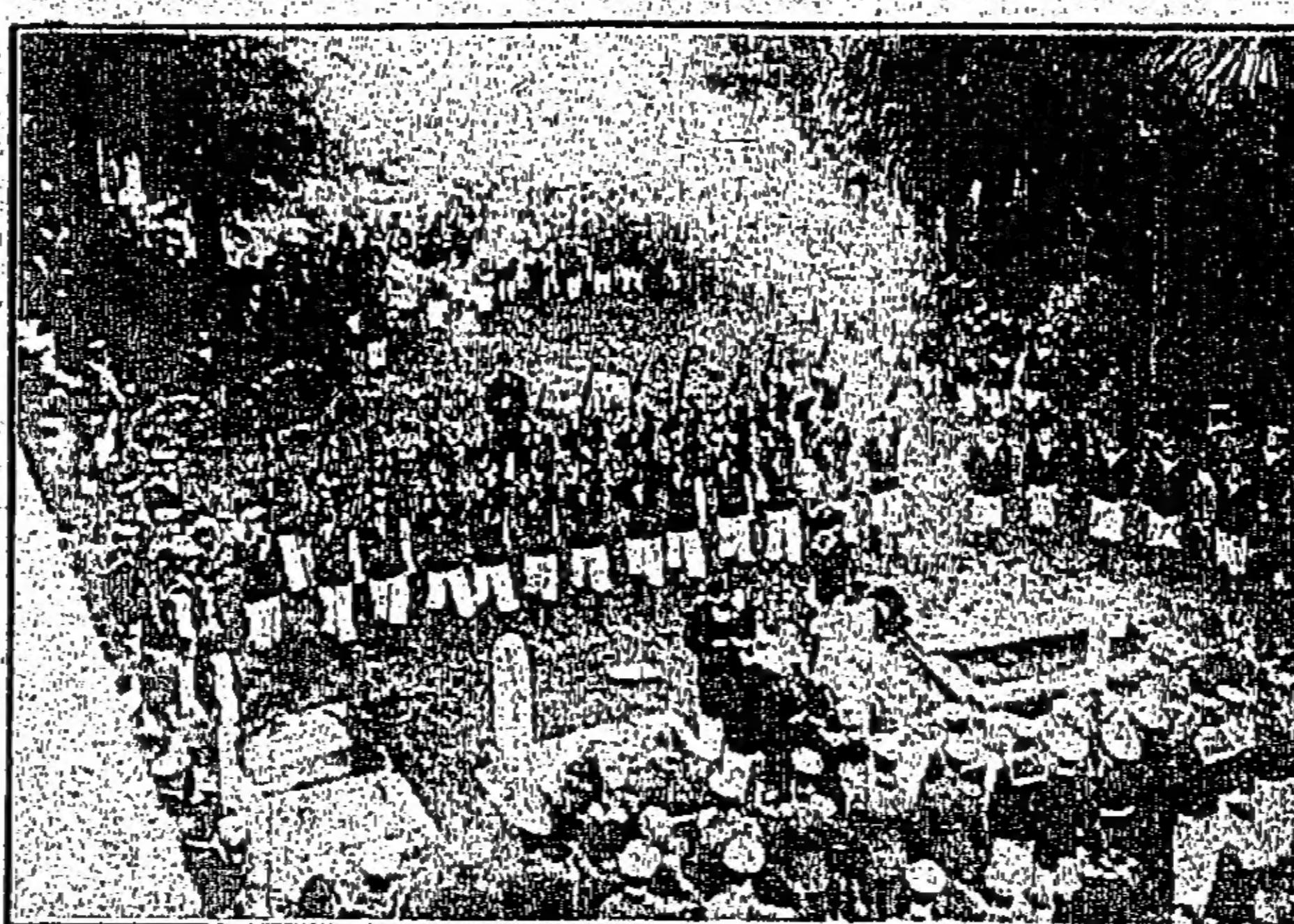
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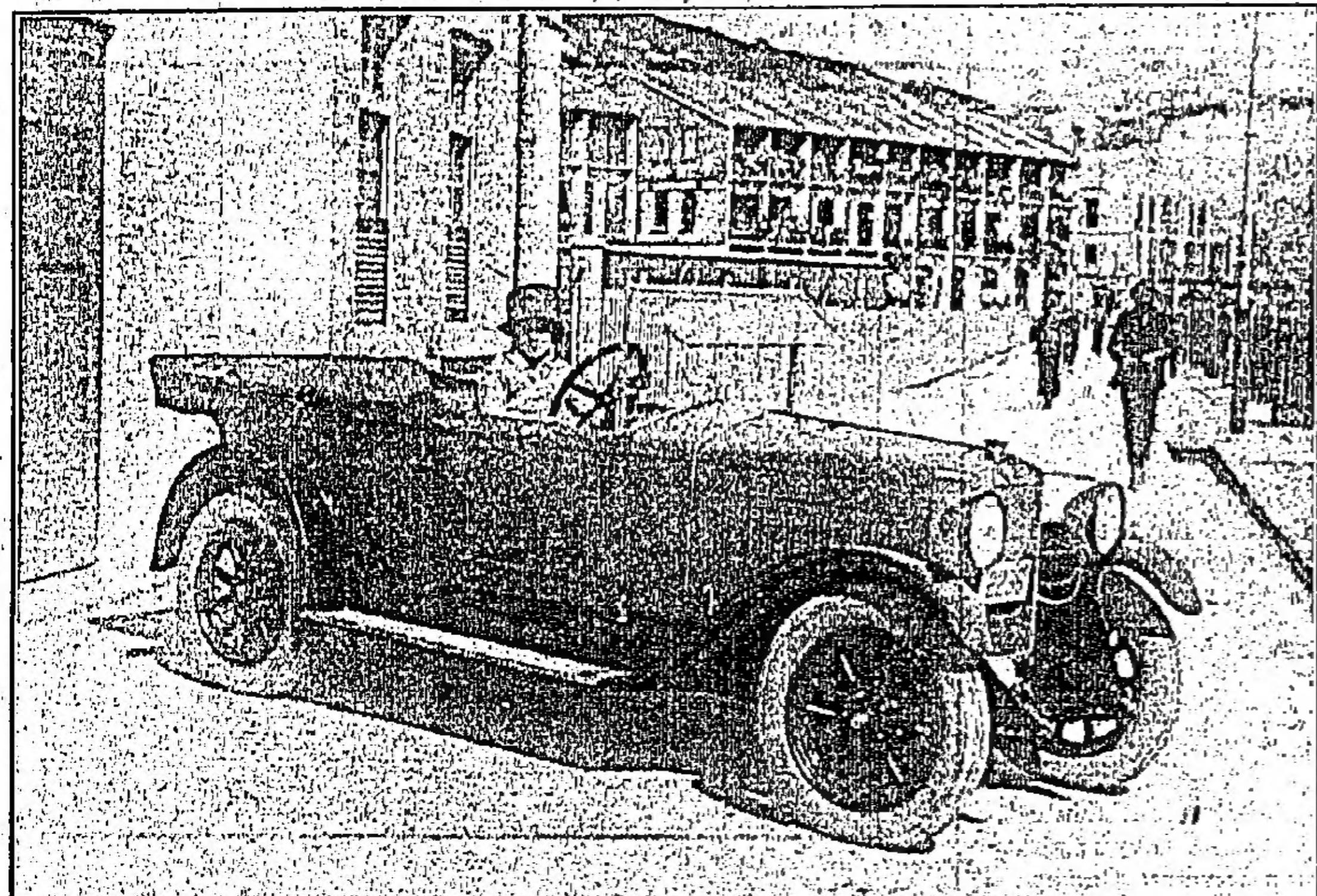




Part of the funeral procession of the late Lieut. M. A. Maude, R.N., the well-known flying officer, who met with a fatal accident whilst shooting on Lantau Island last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



The last sad rites for the late Lieut. M. A. Maude, R.N., at Happy Valley, showing the sounding of the Last Post and the firing of a volley by naval party. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



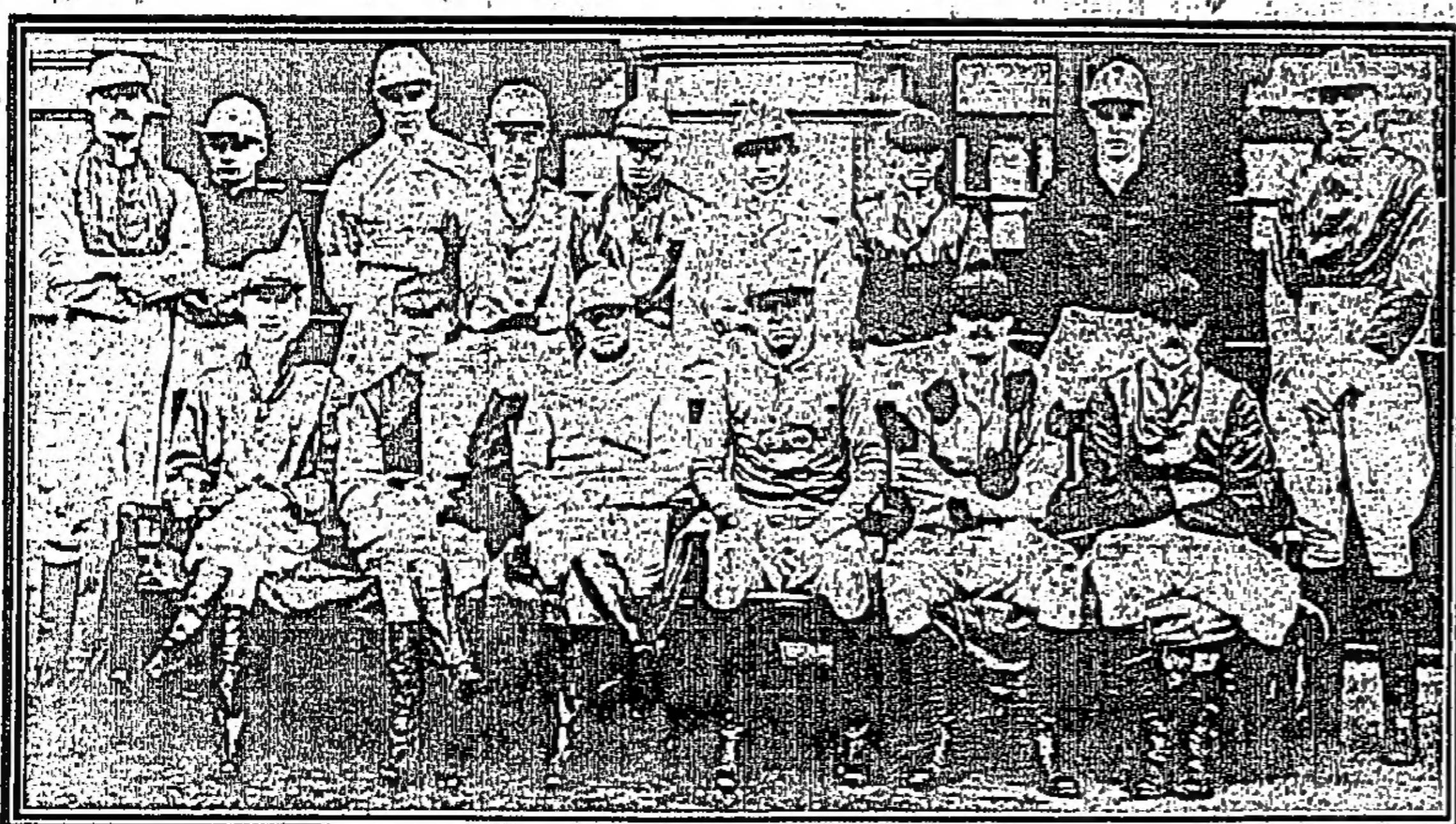
Little Miss Peggy Everest in the Fiat motor car which she won at the St. Vincent de Paul Society's recent raffle.



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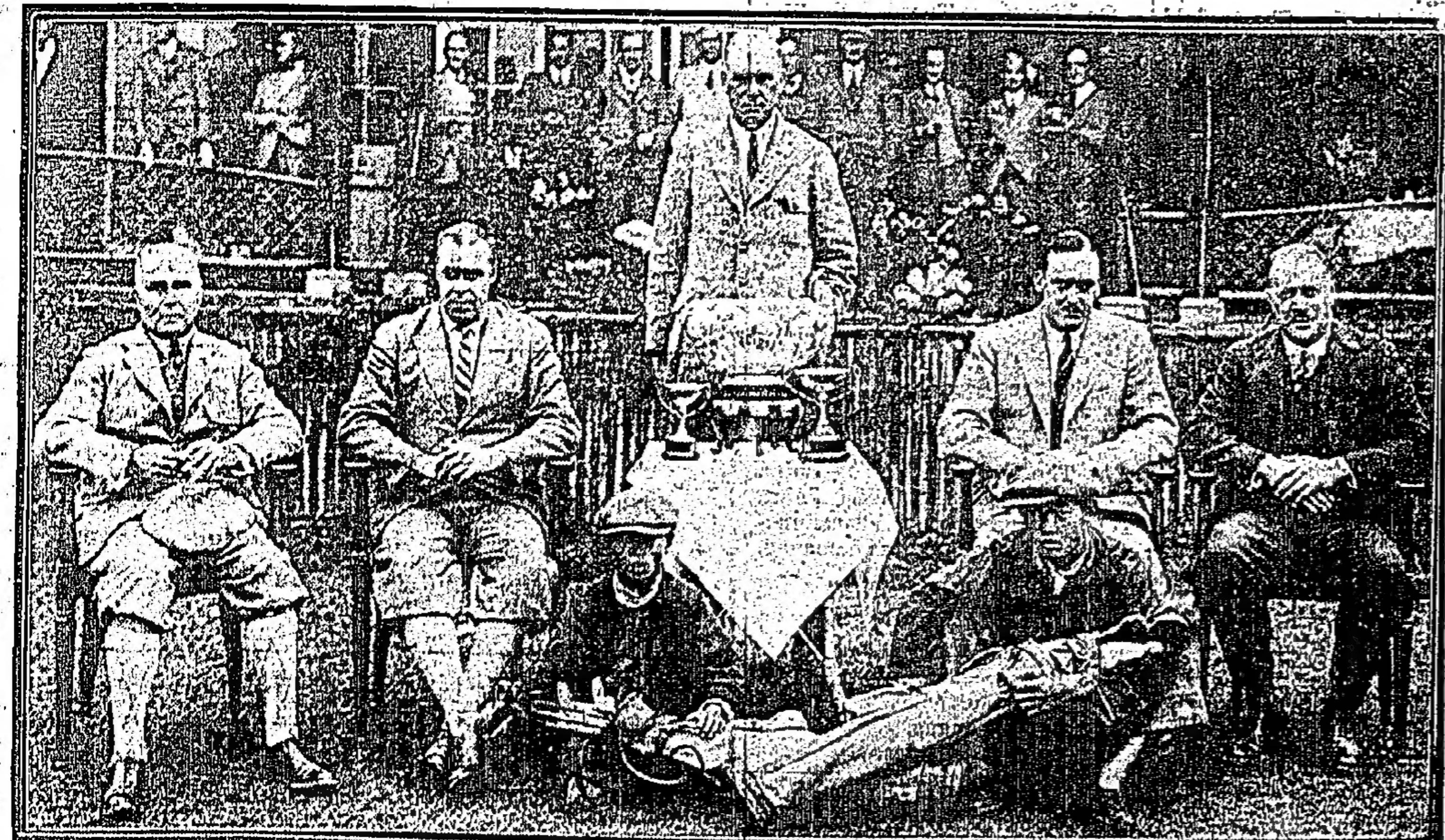
The Marquis of Glyndale, who has been on a tour of the world but unfortunately could not fix up a bout in Hongkong.



Group taken on St. Andrew's Day before the Ewo Handicap, an annual race of almost hoary antiquity in Shanghai. Left to right, standing: Messrs. T. D. Gram, A. N. Dallas, R. D. Kent, D. M. Dunn, D. A. Langdon, G. D. Raeburn, W. G. Johns, C. L. Oliphant, W. J. Keswick. Seated: Messrs. A. Kidd, E. B. Clarke, A. J. P. Heard, B. D. F. Beith, G. J. Lyon and V. D. K. Craddock.



Mr. A. J. Brock, as Major-General Stanley in "The Pirates of Penzance." (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Sitting: Messrs. R. G. MacDonald (President of the Shanghai Golf Club), A. R. Blinks (runner-up in the Championship), M. W. Budd (Champion), and Capt. E. L. M. Barrett (Vice-President of the S. G. C.). Standing: Mr. A. Gray (Captain S. G. C.). Our group was taken at Kiangwan on the occasion of the final match in the S. G. C. Championship, which was won by Mr. Budd who in the second round returned a card of 67, a record for the course.



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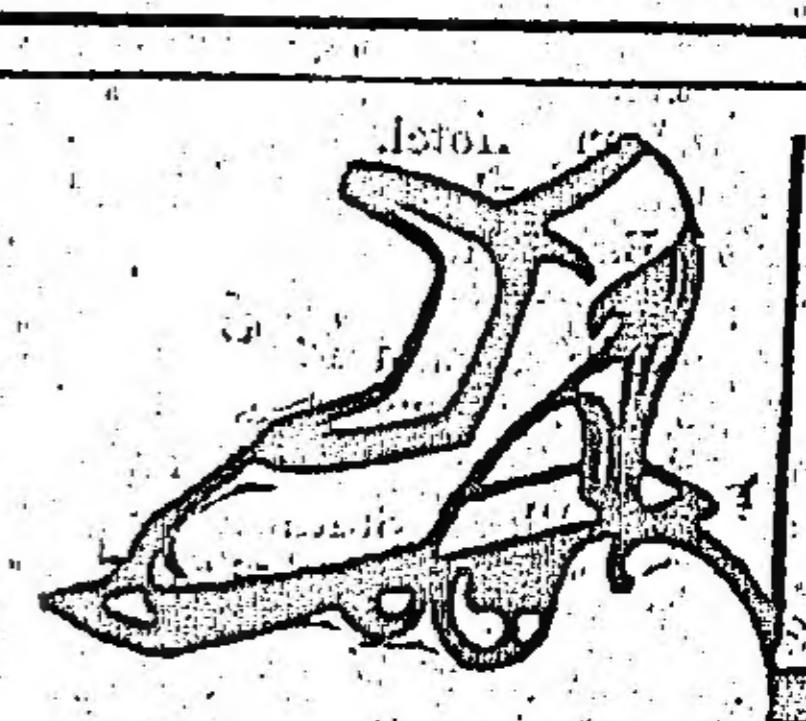
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
COMPANIES WINDING UP
NO. 1 OF 1924.

In the Matter of the Companies Ordinances, 1911-1926,
and
In the Matter of the Chinese Merchants Bank Limited
(In Liquidation.)

Second Dividend of Ten per cent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Second dividend of Ten per centum has been declared in this matter, and that the same may be received at my office, Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 20th day of December, 1926, or on any subsequent day, between the hour of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Upon applying for payment creditors must produce the notice sent to them together with any Bills of Exchange, Deposit Receipts, Pass Books or Securities held by them.

JOHN FLEMING, C.A.,
Liquidator.
Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1926.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIPS NAME.

I, Chow SIK Cheung, of No. 48, Connaught Road West, Victoria, Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of a change of ownership I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship Fook Sing of Hongkong Official number 152089 of gross tonnage 838.84 tons, register tonnage 527.52 tons, heretofore owned by Chow Wing Kan for the permission to change her name to Wing Hung and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by the Kwong On Company Limited.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

(sgd.) CHOW SIK CHEUNG.

Dated at Hongkong, this 17th day of December, 1926.

W. SCHOFIELD,
District Officer; South.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1926.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

The offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 22nd, 25th, 27th December, 1926, and 1st and 2nd January, 1927.

F. HAYLEY BELL,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District.

Office of Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District, York Buildings.

Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1926.

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO LIMITED.

M A C A O .

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Inaugural Race Meeting for China ponies of this Club will take place at Macao on the 6th February, 1927, next, if weather permits. There will be only one event at this Meeting, "The Trial Stakes."

The first annual Spring Meeting for China ponies is scheduled to take place on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 24th April, 1927. The Champion Sweepstakes will be run on the 16th April, the 3rd day of the Meeting.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

THE CHIEF AND PETTY OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL NAVY CHINA SQUADRON.

Will hold their Annual Dinner and ball

on FRIDAY, THE 24TH DECEMBER, 1926.

THE CITY HALL
Commencing at 8.15 p.m., Dancing until 2 a.m.

Admission by ticket only, to be had from Members of Ball Committee.

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Naval Yard, Hongkong.

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NEW TERRITORIES,
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In the matter of the Fuk Tin Tong.
To All to Whom it may concern:

Whereas the following properties situate in the New Territories and registered as Lots Nos. 939, 959, 964, 965, 968, 969, 970, 972, 974, 1104, 1105, 1108, 1114, 1116, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1131, 1132, 1134, 1137, 1153 and 1177, in District No. 4 at Cheung Sha Wan and 1177, in District No. 4 at Cheung Sha Wan in the New Territories, "Colony of Hongkong, are the properties of the Fuk Tin Tong and Whereas it is the intention of the Manager of the said Fuk Tin Tong to distribute the said properties and certain funds belonging to the Tong which are now in the possession of the Manager among the persons entitled thereto. NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim against or—interests in the above properties or funds or in the said Fuk Tin Tong must forward the same in writing to the District Officer South not later than Friday, the 31st day of December, 1926, after which date no claim or demand will be entertained and the District Officer will sanction the distribution of the properties and funds of the said Fuk Tin Tong among the claimants whose claims have been duly approved.

W. SCHOFIELD,
District Officer; South.
Dated this 30th day of November, 1926.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on Monday the 3rd day of January, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution viz:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY

ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on Thursday, the 20th day of January, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above-mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, an Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the said alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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A Quantity of Beer, Wine and Spirits comprising:

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A Large Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods comprising:

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Executor of the late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, to sell by Public Auction,

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MAIN EVENTS.

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HELPING THE DOCTOR.

WHAT IS REVEALED BY VOICE RECORD.

The greatest advances in modern medicine, says the *Graphic*, have been along lines of early and accurate diagnosis; once the disease condition is recognized and isolated it can be treated, and with early treatment there is definite hope of complete recovery.

An interesting article adds: In general medicine the physician to-day is no longer dependent on his own powers of observation in making a diagnosis, but can call in specialized help, such as the pathologist, the bacteriologist, and the radiographer, whose science have reached a marvellous degree of accuracy.

In neurology—the science of the nervous system—early diagnosis and treatment are of paramount importance, for once degeneration of a nerve have taken place within the central nervous system—that is, the brain and spinal cord—regeneration cannot occur, and though the sufferer may learn to accommodate himself to the injury, the organic defect cannot be made good.

During the last 20 years or so neurology has made great strides, both in the recognition of diseases in their early stages and their causative factors, and the outlook has changed accordingly, from one of hopelessness to that of certain knowledge that at least something can be done to ameliorate the condition.

Speech Observation.

The critical observation of the components of speech should be helpful in early diagnosis, as this faculty of speech is undoubtedly one of the most recently evolved combinations of nerve and muscle.

At the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, the method of observation, used is as follows: The speech record is taken by the patient speaking into a flexible mouthpiece, which is connected by a wide-bore rubber tube to a loose diaphragm linked to a light lever, so that any movement of the diaphragm is magnified.

The oscillations thus obtained trace a line on the surface of smoked paper around a revolving drum; the paper is removed and varnished and the tracing can then be studied and subjected to microscopic examination and measurement. The nature of the diaphragm is such that it fulfils a dual purpose: (1) of recording the actual speech vibrations—"intonation"; (2) by not being taut, it allows the explosive character of

"EVIL RAYS."

SIMPLER EXPLANATION SUGGESTED.

It was reported that the Rev. George Glandfield, a Wesleyan minister, of Brightlingsea, Essex, had cured many people by removing from their homes furniture, an eiderdown, and other articles which, according to his theory, emitted "evil rays."

While admitting the possibility and even likelihood of the cures performed by the Rev. George Glandfield, it is very difficult to accept his explanation of the way in which they are brought, says a medical writer.

That we know nothing about these mysterious rays does not, of course, prove that they do not exist; but as the cures seem susceptible of other explanations, which conform to scientific facts already within our knowledge, it would be well to consider these before pinning our faith to the rays.

In the first place, there is the element of suggestion exercised by a powerful and sympathetic personality. That may account for a great deal, but probably not for all, of Glandfield's successes.

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These substances are known to be capable of producing asthma in the predisposed, and, short of asthma, which is a violent ebullition, they and their congeners are often the unsuspected causes of all kinds of vague and ill-defined symptoms which render the lives of the sufferers a constantly recurring misery. Eiderdowns and cushions are common sources of offence in this respect.

aspirates and so forth to be clearly marked on the tracing.

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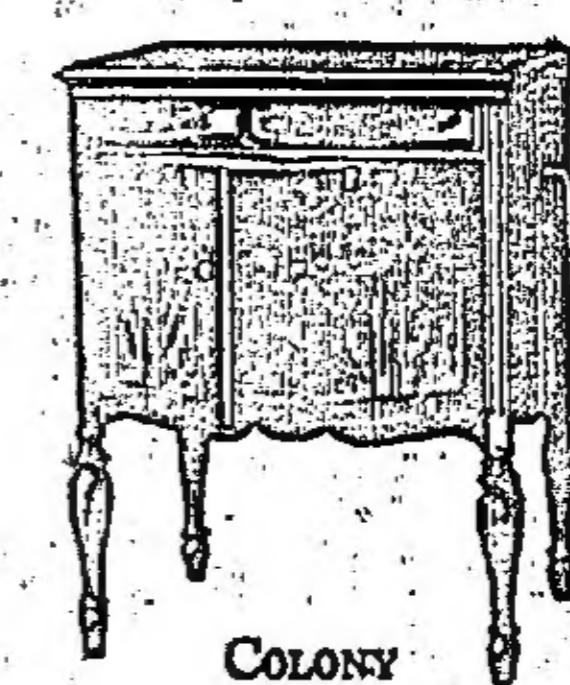
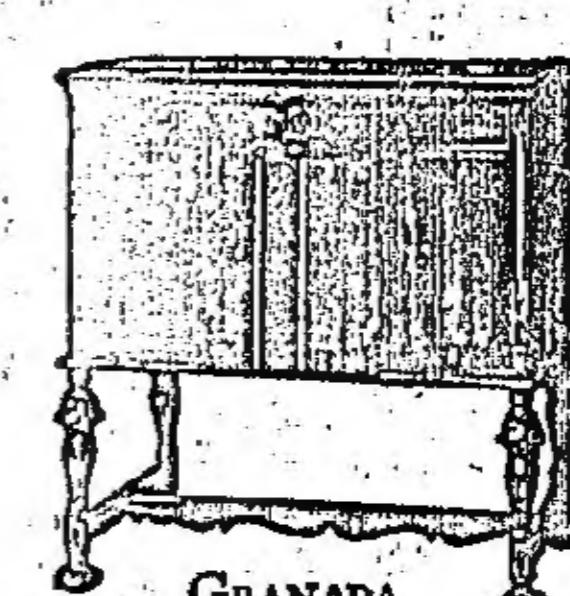
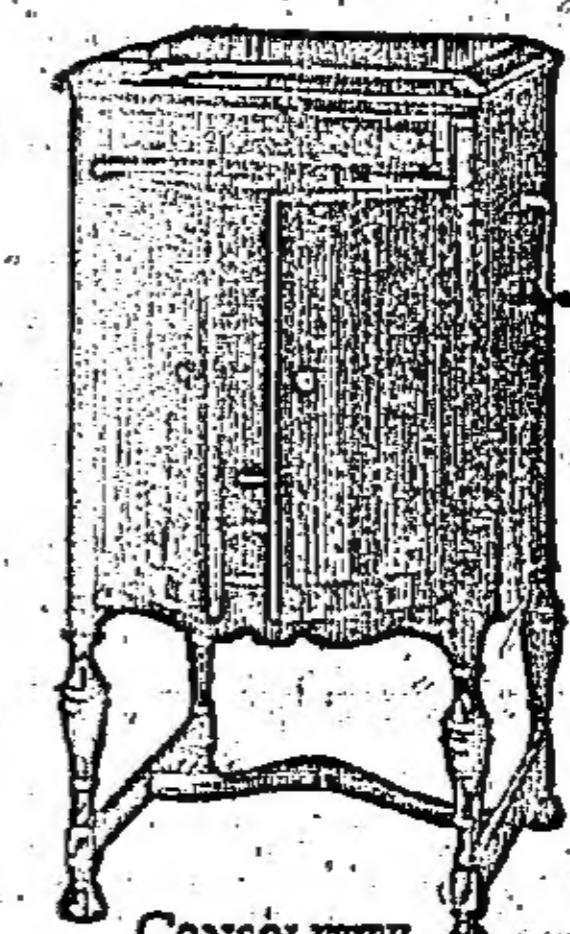
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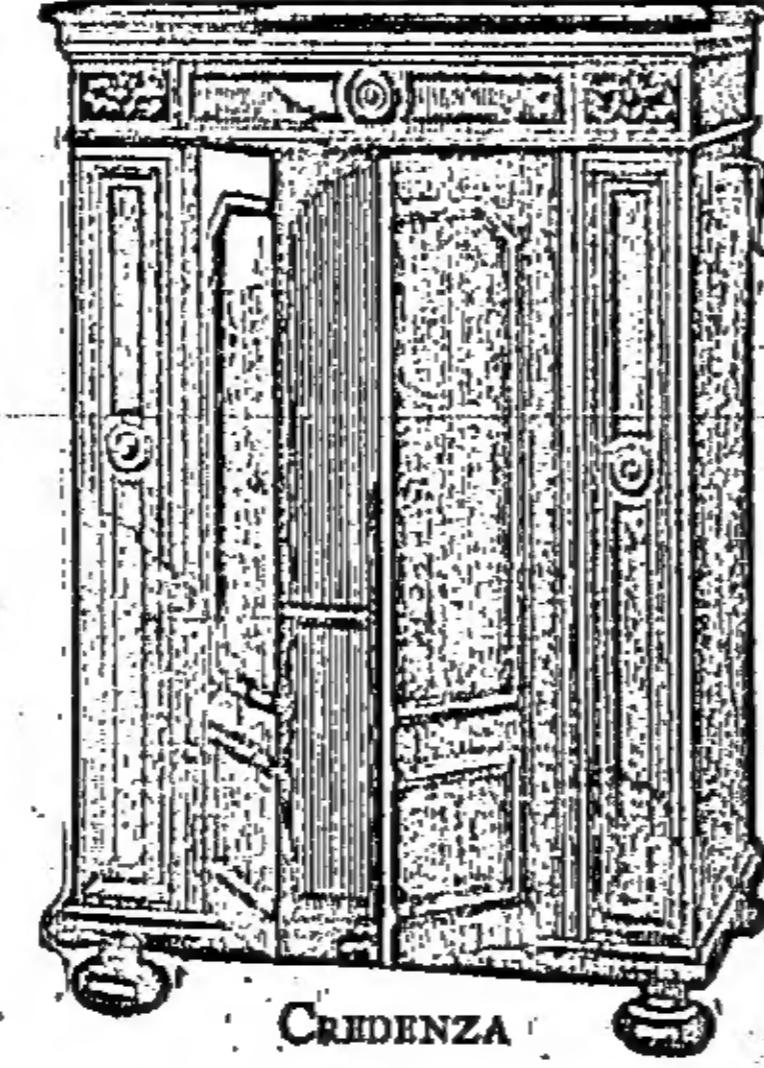
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TROTSKY'S CREED.

A WORLD REVOLUTION NECESSARY.

The text of Trotsky's speech at the Pan-Russian Communist Party Conference is now published. Re-

ferring to the Opposition, Trotsky declared, according to the Tass Agency, that the differences between the Opposition and the Communist Party were as follows:

The Opposition considered the progress of the industrialisation of the U.S.S.R. too slow, and attached considerable importance to the process of differentiation

amongst the peasantry, urging that differentiation amongst the peasantry rendered necessary a new taxation policy, having regard to the different classes of peasants.

In regard to wages, the Opposition believed that higher wages must not depend on the increased productivity of labour, but on the contrary, must be a preliminary

condition to a higher rate of productivity.

Trotsky declared that the victory of Socialism in the U.S.S.R. could only be achieved in conjunction with the victorious revolution of the European proletariat, and that there were no theoretical or political reasons to warrant the belief that it would be easier for the Rus-

sian proletariat to build up Socialism than it would be for the European proletariat to take over the reins of power.

Kamoneff declared that the Opposition intended to uphold its views in the future. Nevertheless, it considered it its duty to submit to party discipline.

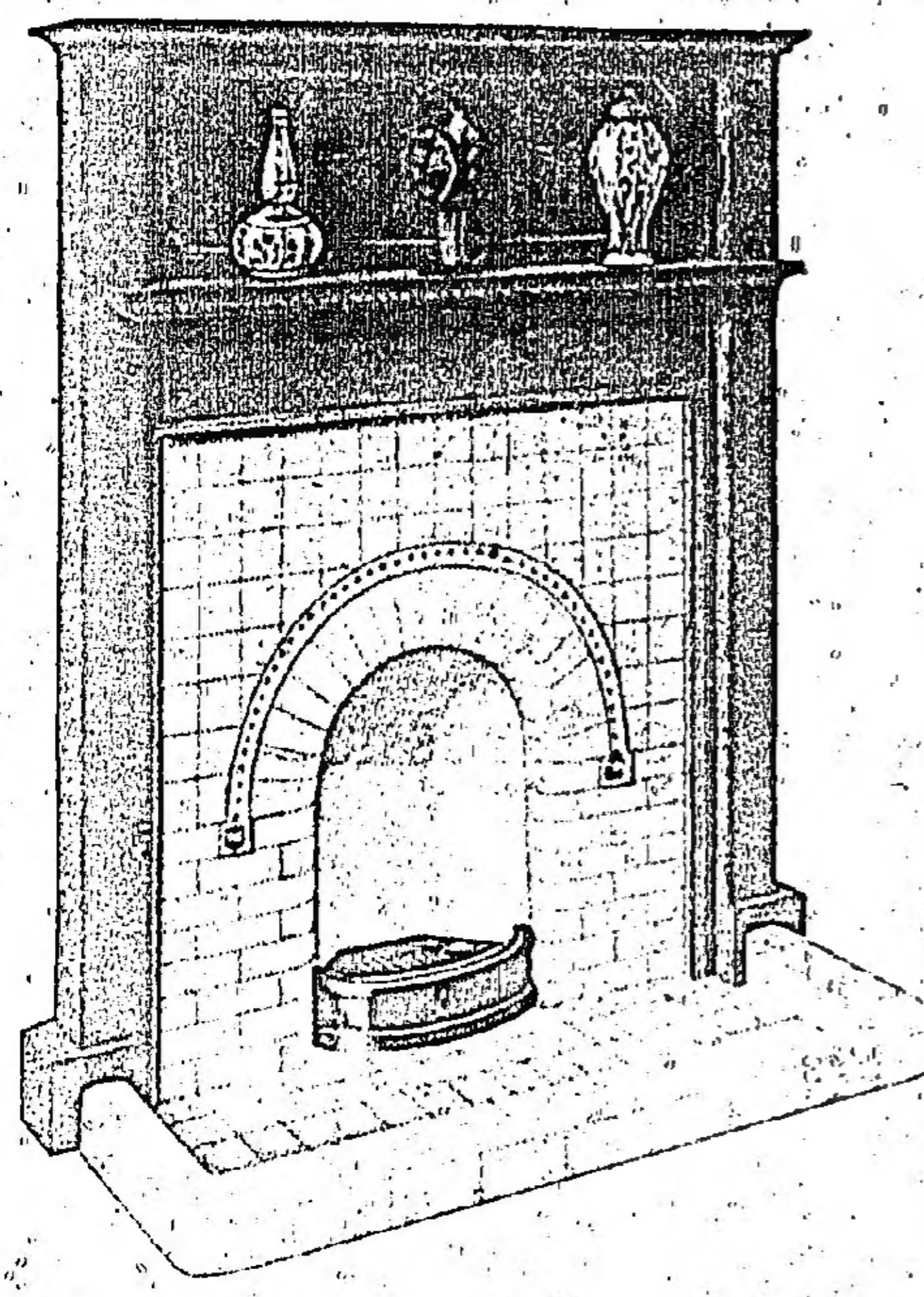
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"A plea for the removal of restrictions upon European trade," signed by the leading bankers and outstanding representatives of industry throughout Europe (excluding Russia), as well as by a number of American signatories, including Mr. J. P. Morgan, was issued recently.

The British signatories include the heads of the great banks, including Mr. Montagu Norman (the Governor of the Bank of England), and leaders of industry, including the heads of Vickers, Weir & Co., Arthur Balfour and Co., Rylands Brothers, Tootal Broadhurst & Co., the President of the Textile Institute, Col. Vernon Willey (last year's president of the Federation of British Industries); and Sir Percy Woodhouse (chairman of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce).

The declaration reads as follows:

We desire, as business men, to draw attention to certain grave and disquieting conditions which, in our judgment, are regarding the return to prosperity.

It is difficult to view without dismay the extent to which tariff barriers, special licences, and prohibitions since the war have been allowed to interfere with international trade and to prevent it from flowing in its natural channels. At no period in recent history has freedom from such restrictions been more needed to enable traders to adapt themselves to new and difficult conditions. And at no period have impediments to trading been more perilously multiplied without a true appreciation of the economic consequences involved.

The break-up of great political units in Europe dealt a heavy blow to international trade. Across large areas, in which the inhabitants had been allowed to exchange their products freely, a number of new frontiers were erected and jealously guarded by Customs barriers. Old markets disappeared. Racial animosities were permitted to divide communities whose interests were inseparably connected. The situation is not unlike that which would be created if a confederation of States were to dissolve the ties which bind them, and to proceed to penalise and hamper, instead of encouraging each other's trade. Few will doubt that under such conditions the prosperity of such a country would rapidly decline.

To mark and defend these new frontiers in Europe, licences, tariffs, and prohibitions were imposed, with results which experience shows already to have been unfortunate for all concerned. One State lost its supplies of cheap food, another its supplies of cheap manufactures. Industries suffered for want of coal, factories for want of raw materials. Behind the Customs barriers new local industries were started, with no real economic foundation, which could only be kept alive in the face of competition by raising the barriers higher still. Railway rates, dictated by political considerations, have made transit and freights difficult and costly. Prices have risen, artificial dearness has been created. Production as a whole has been diminished. Credit has contracted and currencies have depreciated. Too many States, in pursuit of false ideals of national interests, have imperilled their own welfare and lost sight of the common interests of the world by basing their commercial relations on the economic folly which treats all trading as a form of war.

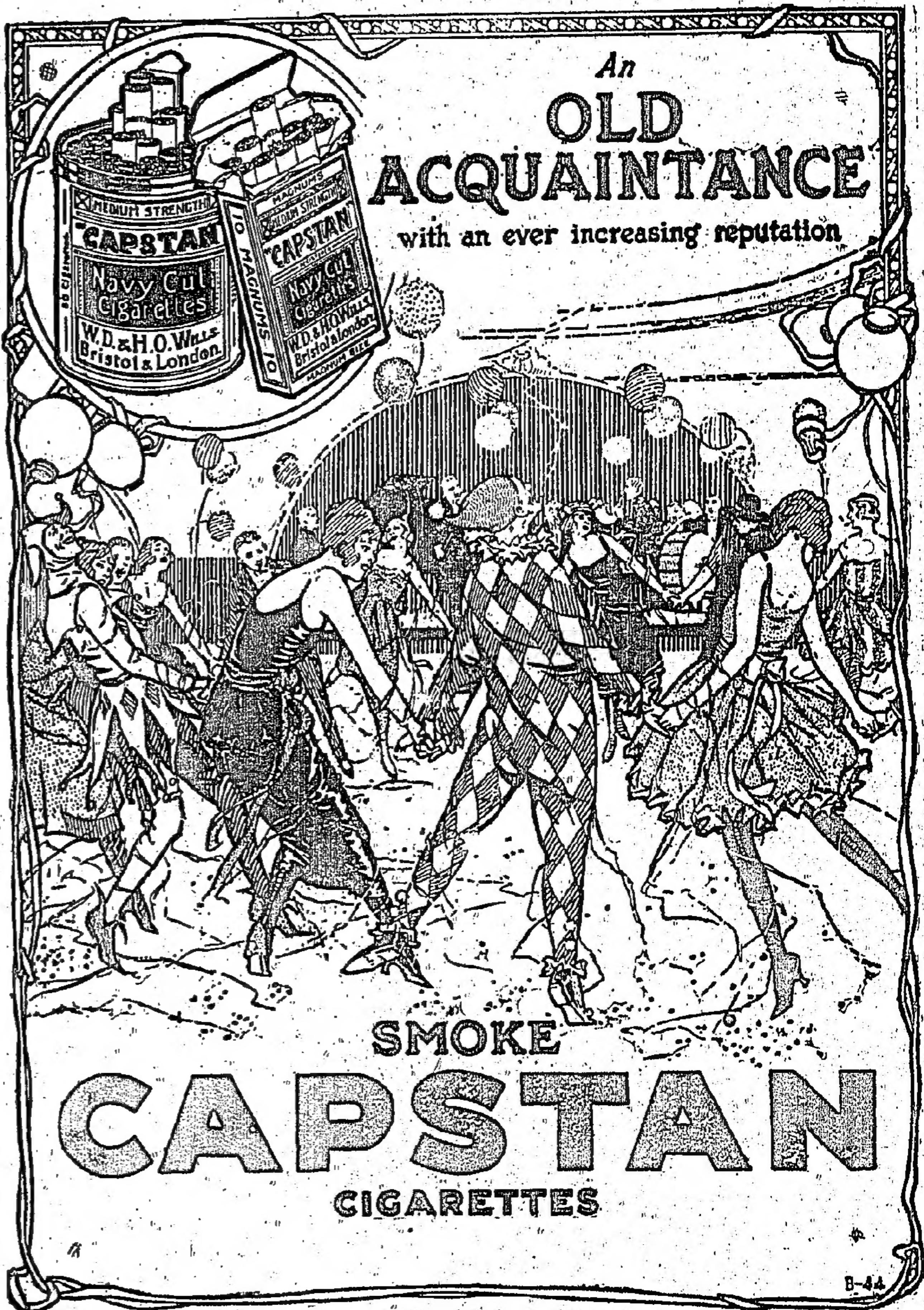
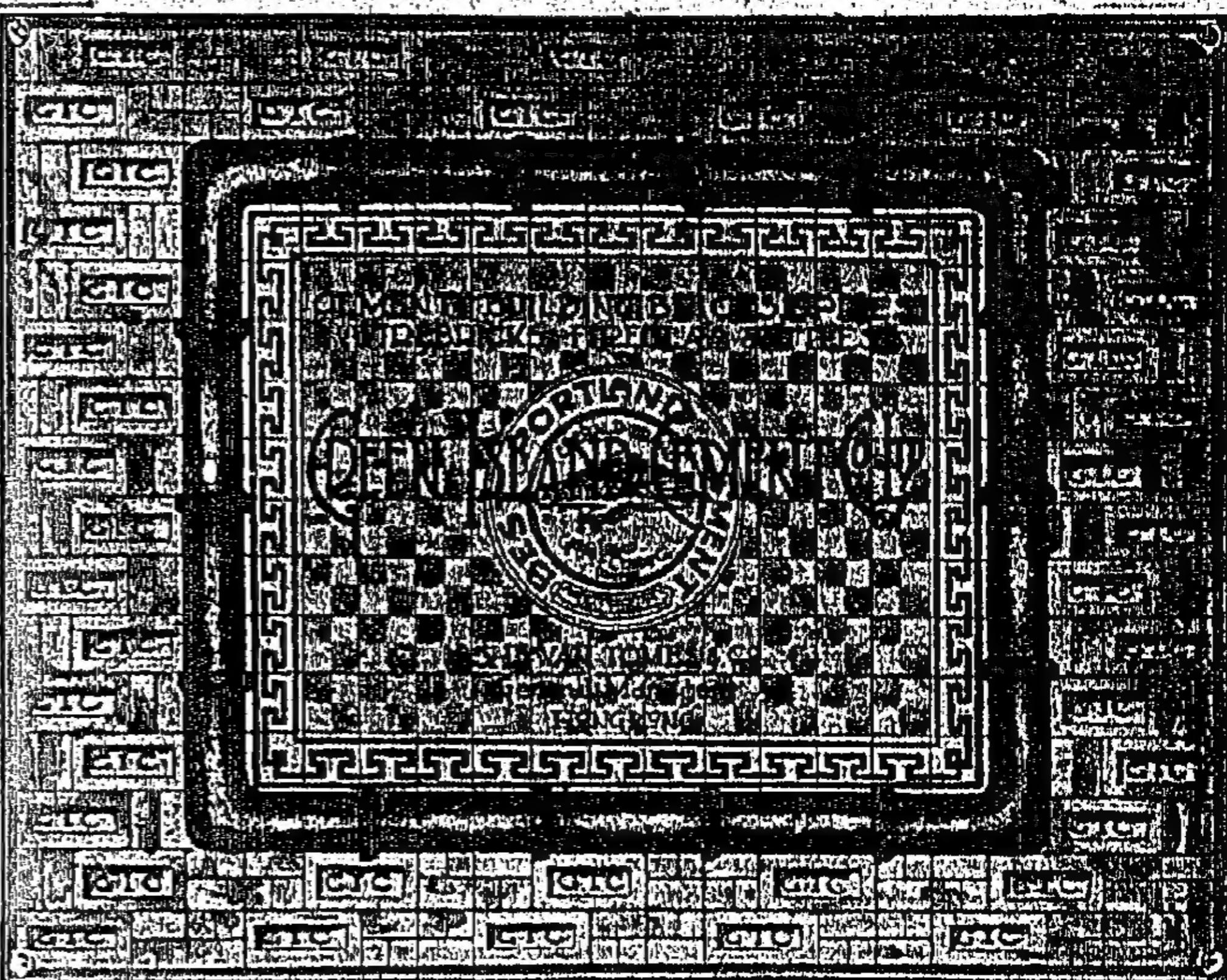
The Folly of Restricting Imports.

There can be no recovery in Europe till politicians in all territories, old and new, realise that trade is not war but a process of exchange, that in time of peace our neighbours are our customers, and that their prosperity is a condition of our own well-being. If we check their dealings, their power to pay their debts diminishes, and their power to purchase our goods is reduced. Restricted imports involve restricted exports, and no nation can afford to lose its export trade. Dependent as we all are upon imports and exports, and upon the processes of international exchange, we cannot view without grave concern "a policy which means the impoverishment of Europe."

Happily there are signs that opinion in all countries is awakening at last to the dangers ahead. The League of Nations and the International Chamber of Commerce

have been labouring to reduce to a minimum all formalities, prohibitions, and restrictions, to remove inequalities of treatment in other matters than tariffs, to facilitate the transport of passengers and goods. In some countries powerful voices are pleading for the suspension of tariffs altogether. Others have suggested the conclusion for long periods of commercial agreements embodying in every case the most-favoured-nation clause. Some States have recognised in recent treaties the necessity of freeing trade from the restrictions which depress it. And experience is slowly teaching others that the breaking-down of the economic barriers between them may prove the surest remedy for the stagnation which exists.

On the valuable political results which might flow from such a policy, from the substitution of good-will for ill-will, of co-operation for exclusiveness, we will not dwell. But we wish to place on record our conviction that the establishment of economic freedom is the best hope of restoring the commerce and the credit of the world.



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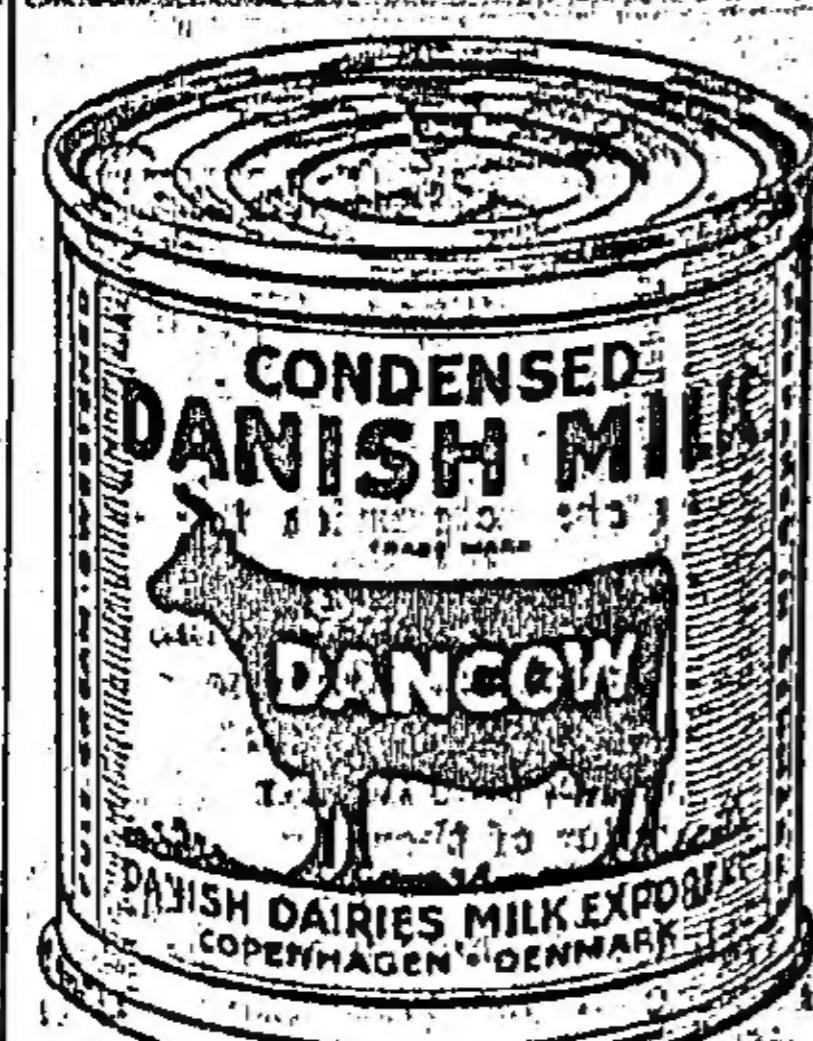
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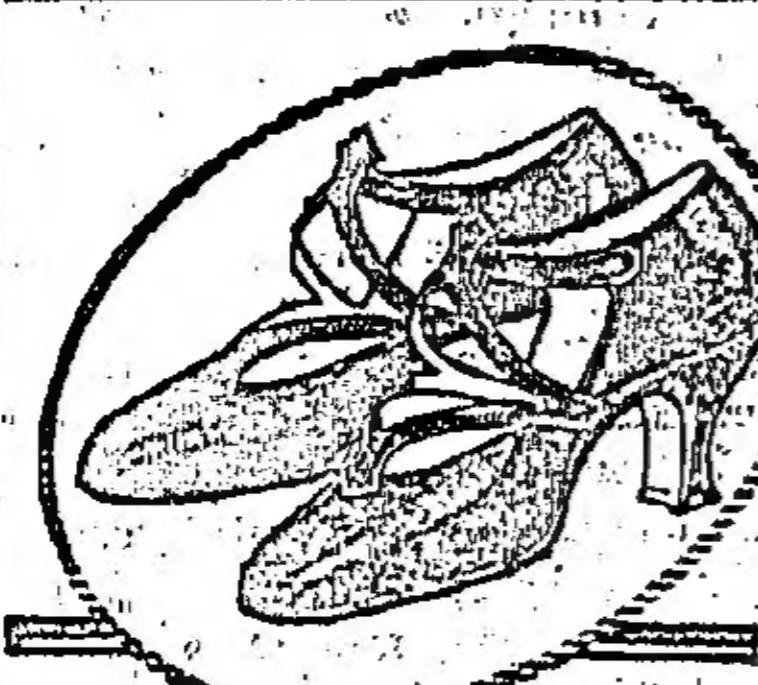
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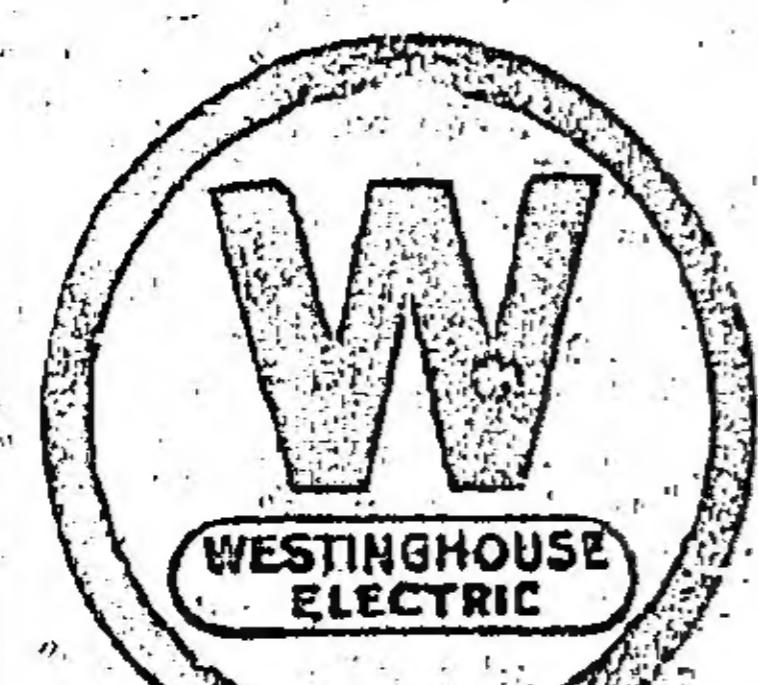
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OBITUARY.

DR. DRESELHUYS.

The Hague, Dec. 17.
The death is announced of Dr. Dreselhuys, the leader of the Dutch Liberals.—Reuter.

Mr. Mok Lai-chi.

Mr. Mok Lai-chi has passed away at his residence, 2 Bridges Street, after a short illness.

Mr. Mok was born on the 10th January, 1883. He was educated at a private school and afterwards at the Government Central School (now known as Queen's College). After graduating with honours at the age 18, he was monitor for about a year. For the next few years he was employed at the Royal Observatory, the Police Court, and the Registrar General's Office. In the year 1893, he started the well-known Morrison English School, teaching English and Pitman Shorthand. This School has been kept for over 33 years and is still in existence. It was the pioneer of the numerous private schools that have sprung up since that time.

The funeral will take place to-morrow, Sunday, at 3 p.m.

R. M. L. writes.—Mr. Mok was an indefatigable worker. Besides his educational work, he was of great service to the community at large. He was for many years Hon. Sec. to the original Y.M.C.A. (known as Pui To Shu Shut), and devoted all his leisure time to the American Board Mission, being a deacon and also superintendent of a Sunday School. In 1907, he founded the Pentecostal Mission of which he was the Pastor. In 1908, he published the "Pentecostal Truths," a free paper distributed all over China and other places. For twenty years, he had been using all his spare time in preaching the Christian Gospel in Hongkong and elsewhere, quietly and unassumingly.

The Police Department will feel a distinct loss in the passing away of an expert in certain branches of criminology. The Chinese Tenants' Protective Association will lose in him an ex-president and an enthusiastic supporter. Thousands of his students and converts will mourn the loss of a teacher and leader who sacrificed all his time, money and energy in proclaiming and explaining the truth of his convictions. He has passed away, but his work and memory will last forever in the hearts and minds of all those who had been benefited by his teaching and influenced by his example.

SHROFF INTIMIDATED.

KOWLOON HOSPITAL
EMPLOYEE THREATENED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth with demanding with menaces the sum of \$50 from a shroff of the Kowloon Hospital and also with intimidating the complainant to do an act which he was not legally bound to do.

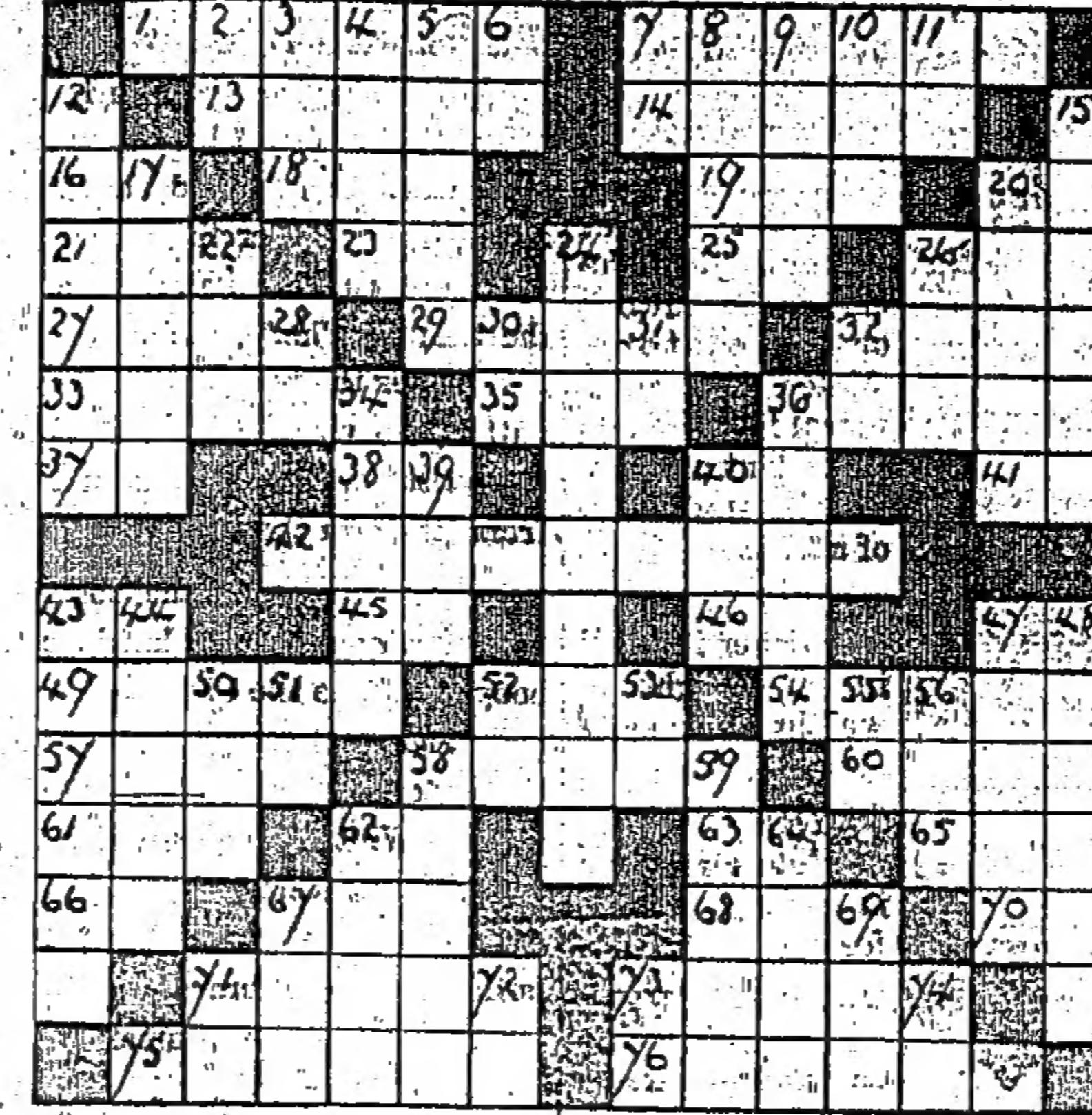
It was alleged by the prosecution that the defendant went to the complainant's office in the Kowloon Hospital and requested the sum of \$50 for bail or for the complainant's brother, who had been arrested. The complainant replied that he had no money and after a second fruitless request the defendant adopted a different attitude. He threatened that if the money was not forthcoming the complainant would be killed.

The complainant informed the Police and the defendant was arrested.

The complainant's brother, referred to by the defendant, was stated to have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment for embezzlement in the Government Treasury.

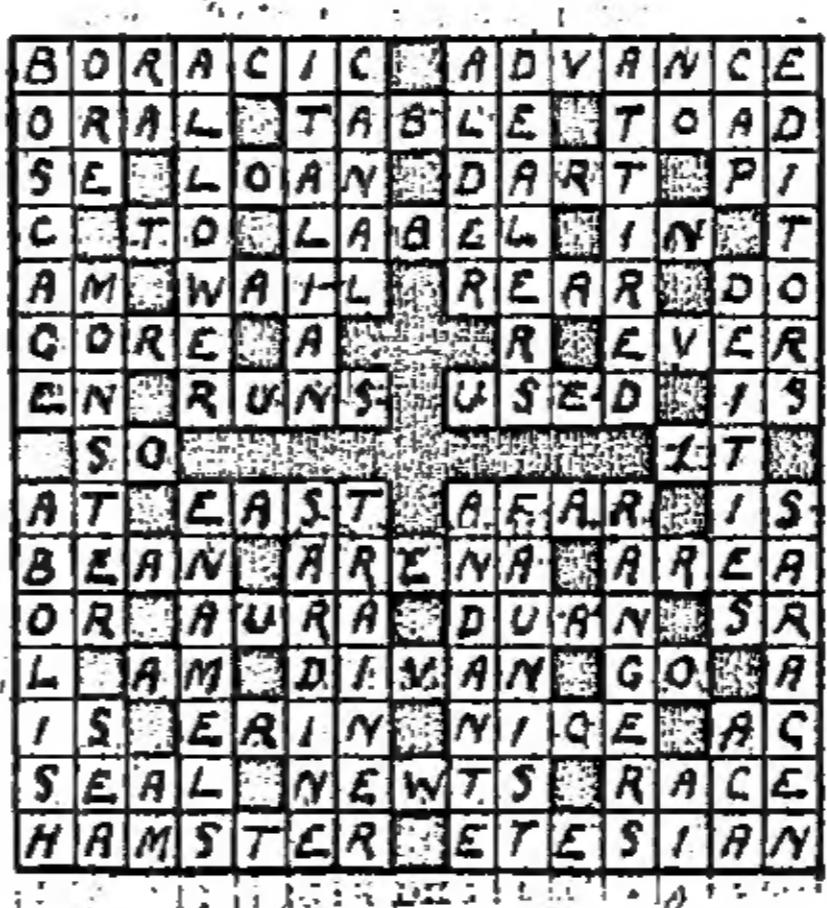
The defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across
1 High conceptions
2 Flat-bottomed boats
3 Fruit
4 To deprive of water
5 Seen on some cheques
6 A weight
7 A liquor
8 Correlative of either
9 Wrath
10 A Greek letter
11 Prefix meaning not
12 To make a mistake
13 Not far
14 The daughter of one's sister
15 A slope
16 Denotes the fineness of gold
17 From
18 Shoe coverings
19 Printer's measure
20 Exclamation
21 Sign of scholarship
22 And (French)
23 Fallen meteor
24 Master of Arts
25 In the matter of
26 Not later than
27 Same, as No. 38
28 Consolation
29 A small flap
30 Acting in revolt
31 Cordage
32 Having gates
33 A measure
34 A digit of the foot
35 Credit (abbr.)
36 One
37 A Government Dept.
38 Whether
39 Exclamation expressing triumph
40 Direction of the wind
41 On one side
42 Fruit of the oak
43 To overcome
44 Disclaimed
45 Clergyman's degree
46 To swallow
47 At the top
48 A Russian Statesman
49 Steam Ship (abbr.)
50 Bachelor of Divinity
51 Discus
52 Water
53 A spare

Yesterday's Puzzle.



EMPIRE UNITY.

CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEMS
COMPARED.

Rugby, Dec. 17.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Amery, reviewing the work of the Imperial Conference, said it had removed certain internal political difficulties in some Dominions, and had strengthened inter-Imperial relations.

In accordance with past procedure, the Balfour Report on those relations had not attempted to lay down a constitution, but generally to consider how it had developed. The British system was entirely different from the federal system, and the Conference revealed that in the Empire Councils the constitutional conception was evolving, namely that of unity which worked from within, giving absolute freedom in each part, and which was not less effective than other forms of unity imposed from without by the constitutional federal scheme.

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WHAT HONGKONG LACKS.

The publication in Straits newspapers of a list of new novels recently added to the already fine series of volumes housed in the Raffles Library at Singapore set us thinking of the advantages which the Southern port has over us in this regard. The list, which covers a brief period of a fortnight's additions, contains over seventy of the latest issued novels, including three copies of each volume of H. G. Wells' most recent work, "The World of William Clissold," a book which has aroused great interest in literary circles in most parts of the world. Singapore is justly proud of its Library, as well it might be, for it is continually being added to. It is extremely well organised and kept thoroughly up-to-date, so that the general public has ample facilities provided by which it can keep pace with the world's literary output.

Here in Hongkong, unfortunately, we are very badly off in this respect. It is true that the Hongkong Club possesses a really splendid library, and that the Helena May Institute also caters to the literary tastes of its members in a library which, we hear, is now developing into quite a good collection of books. But these two collections are confined to the use of members, and all that the general public has at its service is the offerings of the City Hall Library. Here we have a very mixed assortment of books which could well do with a checking up to see what is worth keeping and what might be consigned to the scrap-heap. Many are the dry and dusty volumes housed in the City Hall, including, if we remember aright, quite a big collection of legal and Parliamentary books in which the general public cannot have the slightest interest and which probably remain on the shelves year in and year out. There is admittedly a deal of really good literature in the Library, in no sense complete, however, and it is also true that now and again there are now additions made. But under present conditions, it is extremely difficult to discover what the Library contains, either in the way of old or new books, for the only catalogue available is contained in a couple of volumes, in which the entries are made in ink and from which it is only possible to trace a book by looking under the initial

of the first word of the title. To take, for example, Mr. Wells' new work, if it happened to be in the Library (which we believe is not the case), one would have to search for it under the letter "T" merely because the first word of the title is "The." If one desired to discover the works of any given author, he would find that there is no list of authors, as distinct from titles, in the Library.

As we understand the position, the Library is in the hands of a body known as the City Hall Trustees, and presumably there is a limit to the funds available for books. Which prompts the oft-repeated suggestion that, together with the whole of the City Hall buildings, the Library should be acquired by the Government, thoroughly reorganised, with a well-paid Librarian and staff engaged. There is little enough of culture in Hongkong, and as we know that His Excellency the Governor is keen on general education and on the spread of knowledge, we once again throw out the idea that the whole question of providing the Colony with a really good public Library should be taken up by the authorities.

It is notified for general information that on and after Monday, 20th December, the Offices of the Imports and Exports Department will be in the Fire Station Building, Connaught Road side, ground and second floors.

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EXCHANGE RATES.

	Rugby, Dec. 17.
Paris	121.4
Brussels	34.88
Amsterdam	12.13
Berlin	20.88
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.39 ^{1/4}
Helsingfors	122 ^{1/4}
Lisbon	21.7 ^{1/2}
Buenos Aires	46.1 ^{1/2}
Shanghai	2 ^{1/4} %
Yokohama	270.3 ^{1/16}
New York	4.85 7/32
Geneva	25.08 ^{1/2}
Milan	109 ^{1/2}
Stockholm	16.15
Oslo	19.20 ^{1/2}
Prague	163 ^{1/2}
Madrid	31.86
Rio	5 ^{1/2}
Bombay	16.13 ^{1/16}
Hongkong	11 ^{1/16}
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—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

A HELPING WORD TO ONE IN TROUBLE IS OFTEN LIKE A SWITCH ON A RAILROAD TRACK—BUT ONE INCH BETWEEN WHEEL AND SMOOTH-ROLLING PROSPERITY.—Beecher.

The U. S. S. Helena arrived in port last evening. The usual salutes were exchanged.

"Musical Jottings," by Allegro, in which reference will be made to the criticisms of "The Pirates of Penzance," will appear on Monday, instead of Thursday next.

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BRIGHTER HONGKONG.

These Three—Faith, Hope, Charity.

hidden, so many laughing lips were a delight and surprise, and this, this one night out of the schoolroom, was planned in the name of charity.

"A little more reckless conviviality" ran a heading in a contemporary's recent report of another charitable effort, and that is what we need. Quoting yet another critique:—"There was a something lacking to make the performance really enjoyable." The Pirates of Penzance has been described as "A refreshing change from real life." The *bal masque* was a refreshing change from real life, and why? Because at the Peak Club the participants were unafraid of the Hedgehog (for one night only) and because in the play either the producer, or the wonder of those words, and the hit of that music, dispersed and broke down the barriers.

Having achieved this spasmodic gaiety, why cannot we go a little further and, by organising our bazaars and charitable efforts on the theory that happiness and generosity go hand in hand, make light work of what is, obviously, heavy ploughing, and throwing old custom and tradition to the winds, follow the lead of the Latin countries and have a Rout or Fair, and have it on the Murray Parade Ground. The first reason for a change of locality is the indisputable fact that the Murray Parade Ground does not entail climbing.

Despite the fact that we are told of a "superfluity" of cafes, it must not be forgotten that food is a first essential to life, and, whatever the pretences, it is of primary interest. That being so, the first original note in the M.C.L. and W.G. Bazaar should be struck on the gong, and on the day advertised:

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TISTHENES.

CIVIL AVIATION.

HOW IT HAS HELPED BANKERS.

Rugby, Dec. 17.

A De Havilland-Hercules machine to fly on the new Cairo-Baghdad-Karachi air service will leave the Croydon airport early to-morrow.

Among the seven passengers will be Air Vice-Marshall, Sir Sefton Brancker (Director of Civil Aviation) who, after visiting India by air, will return to Egypt in order to travel to East Africa on the new experimental air service between Khartoom and Kisumu, in Kenya, which is to be inaugurated next month.

A second Hercules machine will leave London for India a few days later and a third machine, on which the Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare and Lady Maud Hoare are travelling, will leave on December 27th.—British Wireless.

FLIGHTS TO SINGAPORE

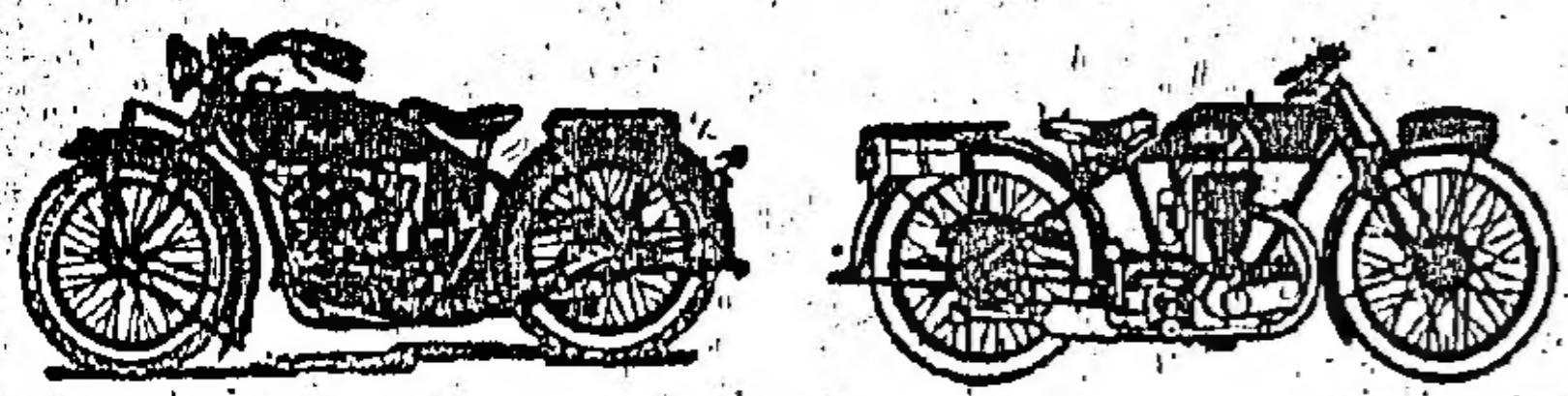
FLEET OF FLYING BOATS.

London, Dec. 17.

With reference to the report that a fleet of flying boats will fly to Singapore and to Australia next summer, it is stated by the Air Ministry that the project is being

considered with the object of gaining further experience with the use of this type of aircraft.

The flights will be purely of a service character and nothing abnormal will be attempted. It is not proposed to commence the cruises before the early part of 1928.—Reuters.



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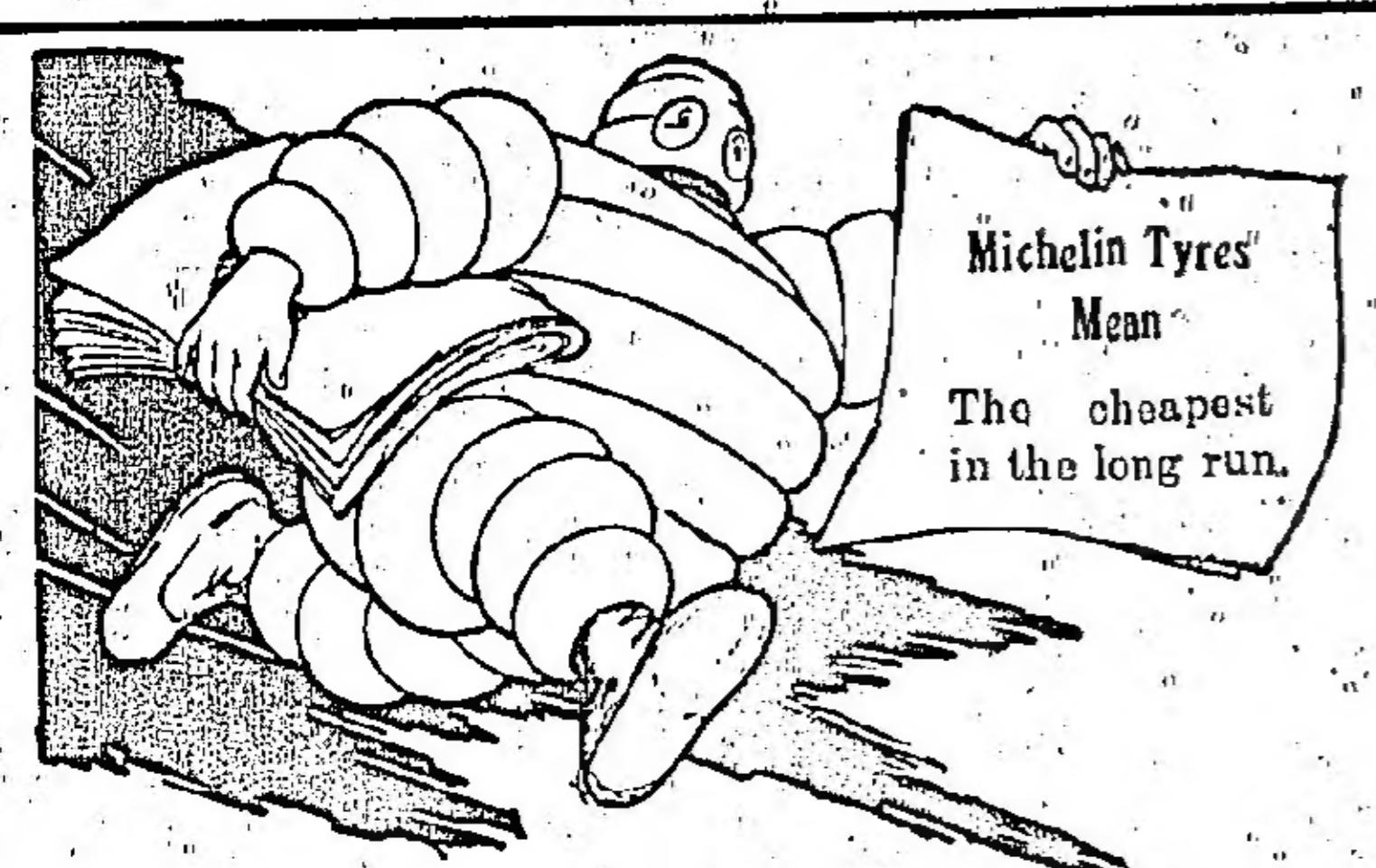
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There is something in the atmosphere of autumn that gives rise to cogitation. A certain feeling there is in the air, in the falling brown leaves as they swirl and scurry in the cold edged wind, that makes us pause mentally, and sighing, remember that there has flown another year.

For who counts but summer as the part of the year that matters?

SOBER REFLECTIONS.

Such was my mood the other evening, sitting in my old trusted car, waiting at a cross-road for a friend. The warm day's sun was sinking behind the pines; everywhere was the sound of evening, of the approaching finish of things. Maybe it was only of the day, but maybe my mood turned that fact into thoughts that seemed to bear on the ending of the year. Yet, thinking so, and wondering what good or else bad had been done in the past twelve months, and what more there remained to be done in the future, the occasional pass of a car or motor-cycle directed my musings into a channel of realization of how much, year by year, recently, the motor has changed our daily lives.

The change has been so gradual and still yet so sudden. To those of us who have cars it is not realized at all. Only to the envious few who do not in these days of generous hire-purchase terms, it would seem foolish almost to write "cannot" own a car it seems to be so quick and startlingly sudden. For possession of any transport—individual transport that is not tied down to arbitrary timetables, to queues and crushes and to hatchet-faced men behind the arch-shaped glass of a ticket office—brings such changes in the lives of us all. Somehow it seems to add to Romance; to put the whole world at our feet. As some modern poet might well write, "The hand that starts the motor rules the world."

THE ART OF DECEPTION.

Take courtship—for instance. Who in these enlightened days would dream of the man and the maid, of each other's mutual choice, sitting over a dish of tea in the "best room" and exchanging polite simperings about the weather and whatnot under the beaming eye of some fond parent. But they had to do so not so many years ago. The thought of a pair meeting unchaperoned after the sun had fallen would have then seemed "too perfectly" outrageous for words, my dear. And so they kicked over the traces, did those young couples and, having once learned the art of deception, took to it naturally enough in regard to each other when the rifts that develop in all domestic bliss came along in after-married life. Whereat there was trouble, unhappiness, and a busy time in the divorce court.

Of course, emancipation of a sort came with good King Edward. There were free meetings at tennis and golf. But even then, they were uncomfortable and tiring. I mean, the thought of pushing the pedals of a bicycle after a really hard set does not add to the zest of the game, and, even if one's swain be the most patient fellow in the world, it is difficult to be passionate while pedalling perspiring.

The car has changed it all. Nowadays, the course of true young love runs smoothly on balloon tyres to the merry zip of a willing exhaust note. The car is a mobile bower for fair Rosamond, and she benefits accordingly therby. How many

MORE TRUCK LINES.

Permits are expected to be granted by the Minnesota State Railroad and Warehouse Commission to 74 truck companies to operate more than 6000 miles of truck lines in the state.

FEAR FIRE HAZARD.

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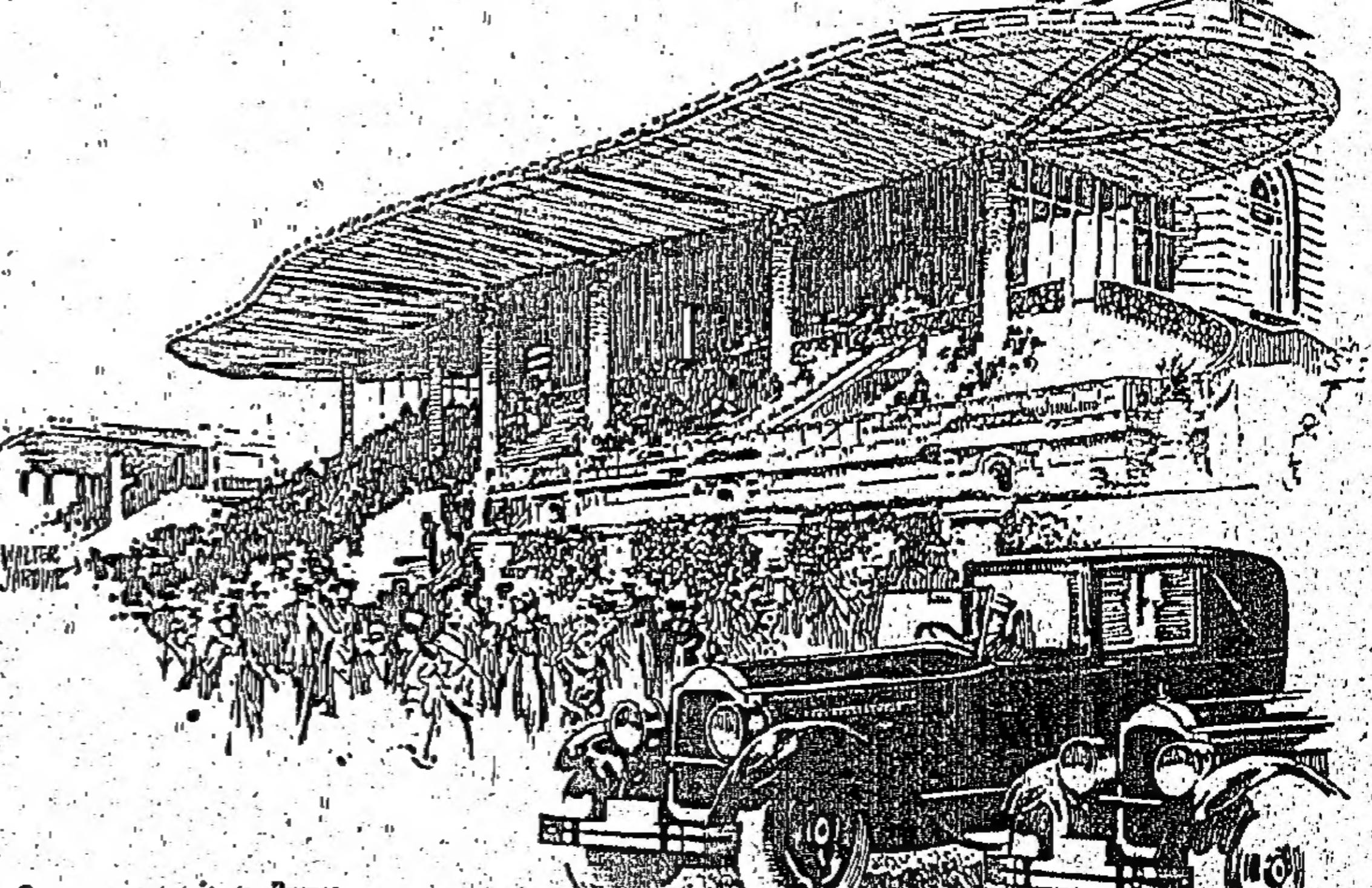
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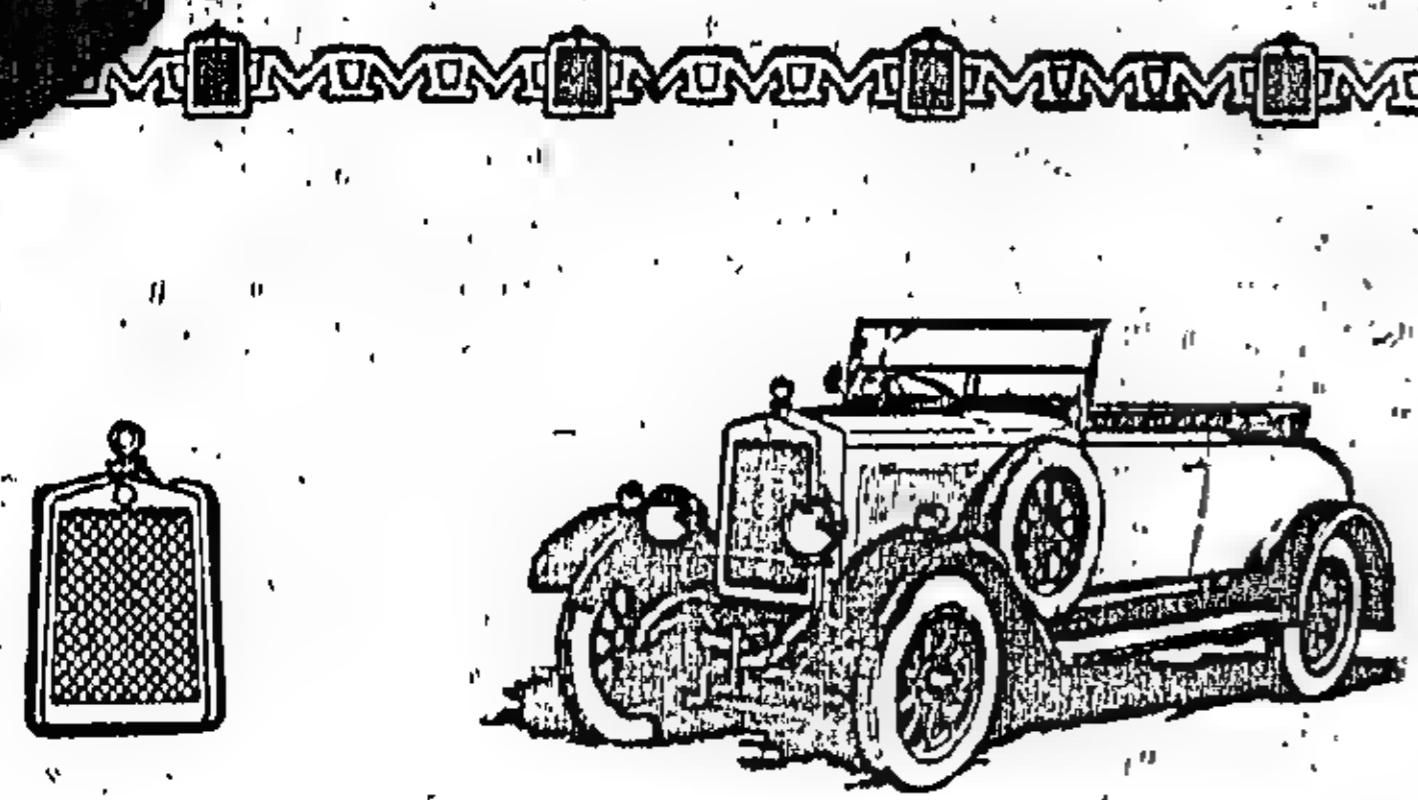
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Intoxication leads all other causes in the revocation of motor drivers' licenses in Michigan, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania.

Tokyo.—Assembling of Japan's big new dirigible airship purchased in Italy will be started in January at Kasumigaura naval air field under supervision of Captain Nobile Will, Italian dirigible expert, and Lieutenant Commander Hirata of the Imperial Japanese Navy. The first trial flight is expected to take place in March.



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The Morris "World" radiator compares with the old "Home" radiator as a thick pith topee compares with a light straw hat. It defies the sun in any part of the world and keeps the Morris engine at the temperature it likes.

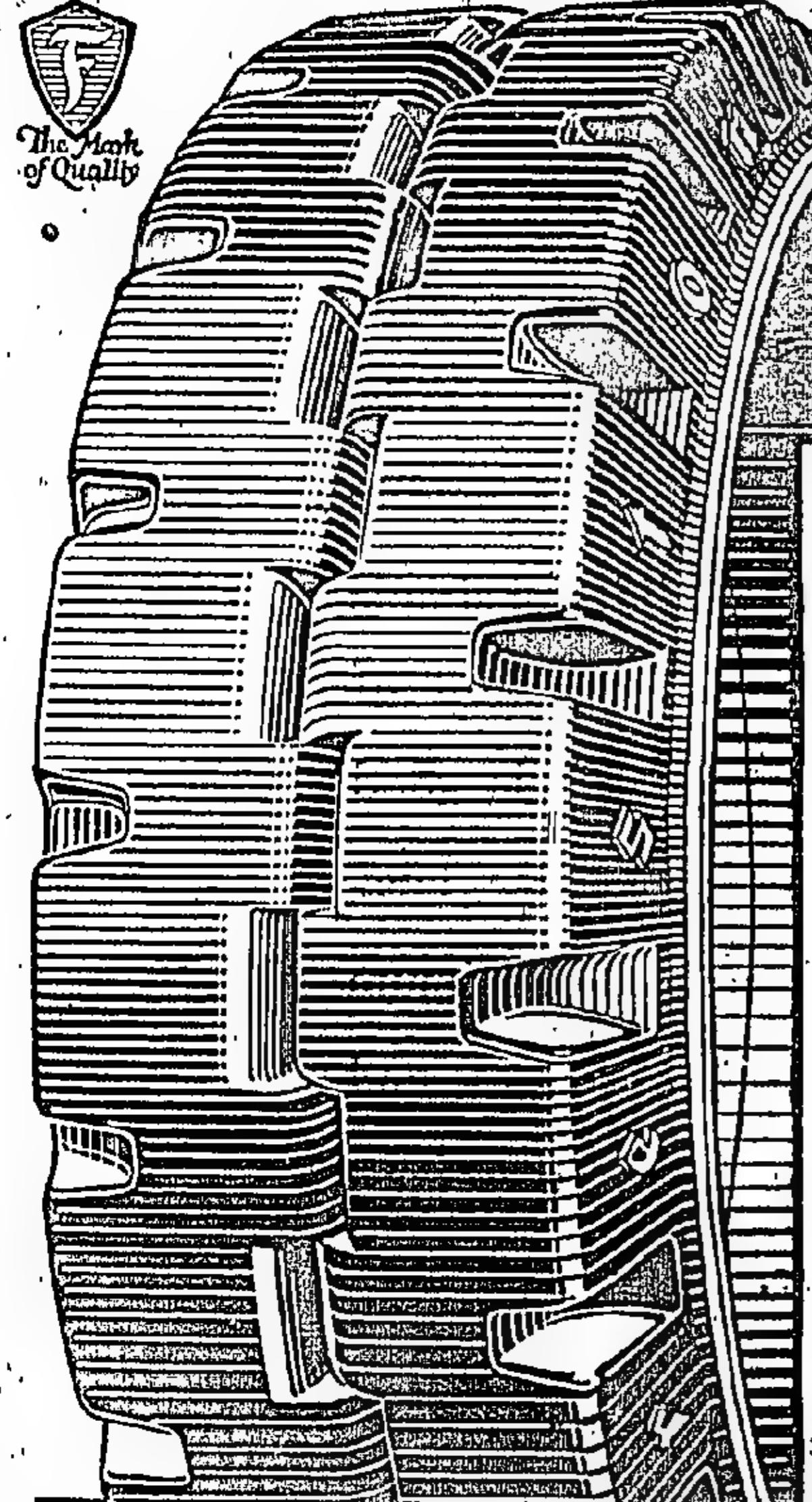
By thus securing the wonderful Morris efficiency and economy in any climate, the "World" radiator is one cause of the remarkable "change over" to the Morris. You too will change over from wasteful "woolly" engined 20-30 h.p. cars and be a Morris owner once you have experienced this economical efficiency on a trial run.

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BRITISH OVERSEAS TRADE.

Figures are not always so dry as they may seem, judging from the latest statistics issued in the Board of Trade Returns of September. There was an excess of car imports over car exports in 1925 to the tune of £1,825,385, while for the corresponding period in 1926 the exports gained over the imports by a £2,032,899 majority.

Why?

America appears to have a mania for being "different" from other peoples, and will go to any extreme in order to achieve this object. Their latest suggestion is that tail-lamps shall be green instead of red. Searching for a reason, one wonders if a flavour of Prohibition does not intrude itself into this move; but surely "gazing on the tail-lamp when it is red" cannot be worse than eying the chartreuse when it is green!

Cutting their own Throats.

It is a short-sighted policy on the part of garage owners in London to oppose so strenuously the efforts that are being made to provide better parking facilities in the Metropolis. Had it not been the case that the convenient garages are invariably over-crowded, the necessity for parking space would not have arisen, and this action cannot but alienate the patronage of motorists from their interests. If, on the other hand, this demand has been created by the motorists' natural antagonism to exorbitant garage charges, then the remedy lies in the hands of the garage proprietors themselves.

A Cure for Skids.

Now that the rainy season is setting in, it is not a bad plan to change the front and back wheels, so that the tyres with the most tread on them are at the rear. Although four-wheel brakes have done much to reduce the possibility of skidding, and although a front wheel skid is far more dangerous than a back wheel skid, it still remains a fact that rear wheel skids are the more likely to occur in normal driving.

Instinctively I turn to a man if I am in a mess, and so far, I have not been far wrong. But when the day comes that I am reduced to calling upon a fat man—I shall rely on myself.—Lady Kitty Vincent.

A Quaint Refresher.

An acquaintance of ours, who does some very long distance trips, tells us that one of the finest refreshers en route is nothing more or less than a visit to the barber's for a hair-cut and shave. Sometimes, he says, he becomes afflicted with sleepiness after 200 miles or so, but finds that after this novel cure he feels still quite capable of carrying on for another century.

British Cars at Parliament.

The number of British cars which entered Palace Yard, Westminster, was noted when the House was reassembled recently. In the space of half an hour nineteen British cars, with British tyres, passed the gates; five foreign cars with foreign tyres, and three British cars with foreign tyres. M.P.s are evidently living up to the "Buy British" slogan.

Liverpool's New Landmark.

A new four-floor building, part and parcel of the huge new block which Lewis Ltd. are adding to their famous store in Liverpool, is to be the new home for Messrs. W. Watson & Co., the authorised Morris Dealers in Liverpool. The total area, including the basement, is no less than 50,000 square feet, and 150 cars can be accommodated in the basement garage. The architectural design of the new showrooms will be in schematic keeping with the rest of the street.

Brightening the Filling Station.

The latest innovation to brighten the lives of motorists is what is known as the Bowser Illuminated Oil Fountain. Built something on the lines of the petrol pump, the illuminated oil pump consists of a group of tanks which feed various grades of lubricant through a series of glass pipes, behind which a light is shown. The effect of the light through the various grades of oil is attractive and instructive, bringing prominently to the minds of motorists the difference in the various grades.

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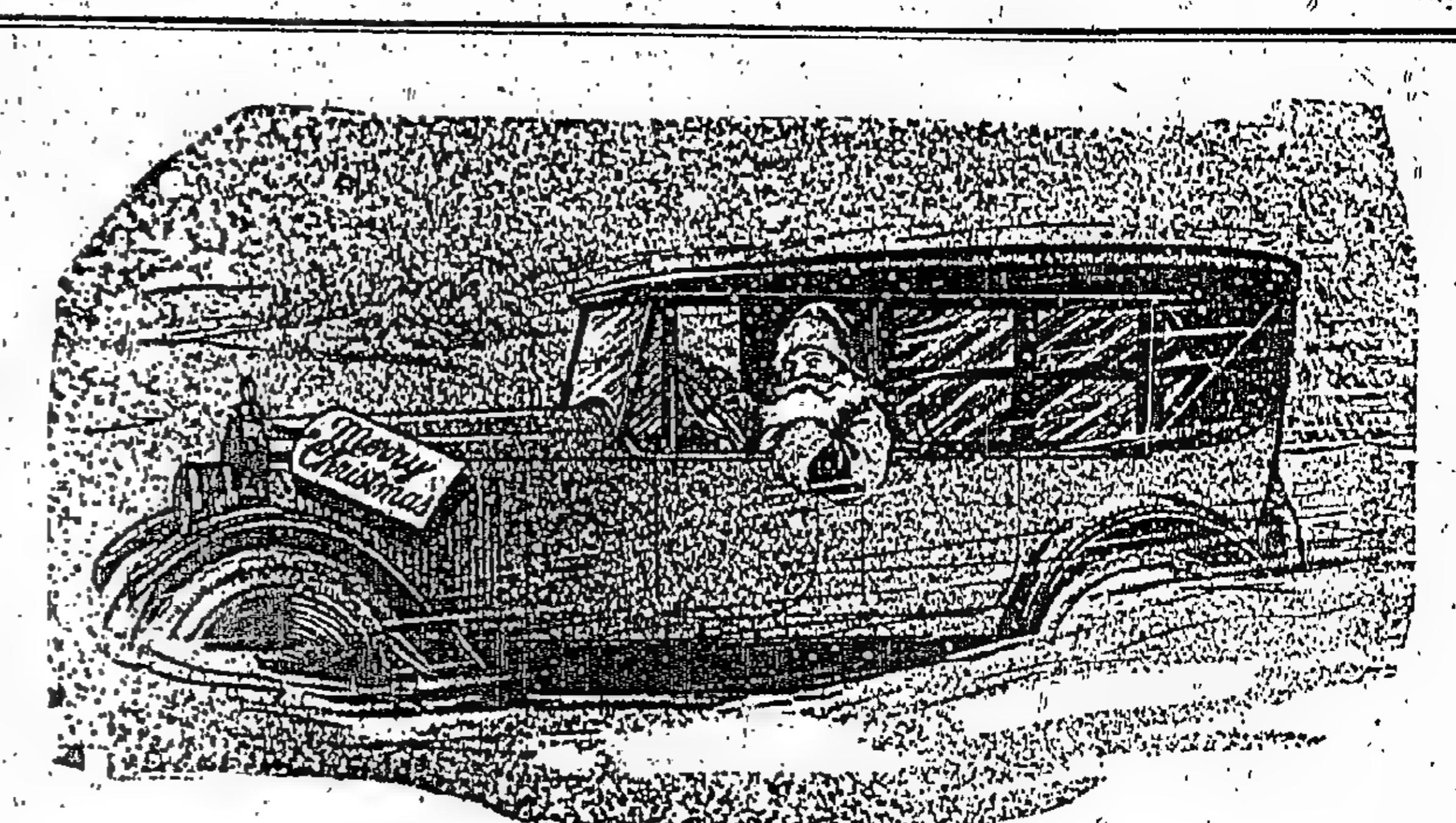
Such advance in numbers ahead of design and improvement would be deplorable in aviation. Permanent popularity of the airplane must depend on its careful engineering development. Factors of safety, reliability and achievement must be given painstaking attention to a considerably greater degree than was necessary in the case of the automobile.

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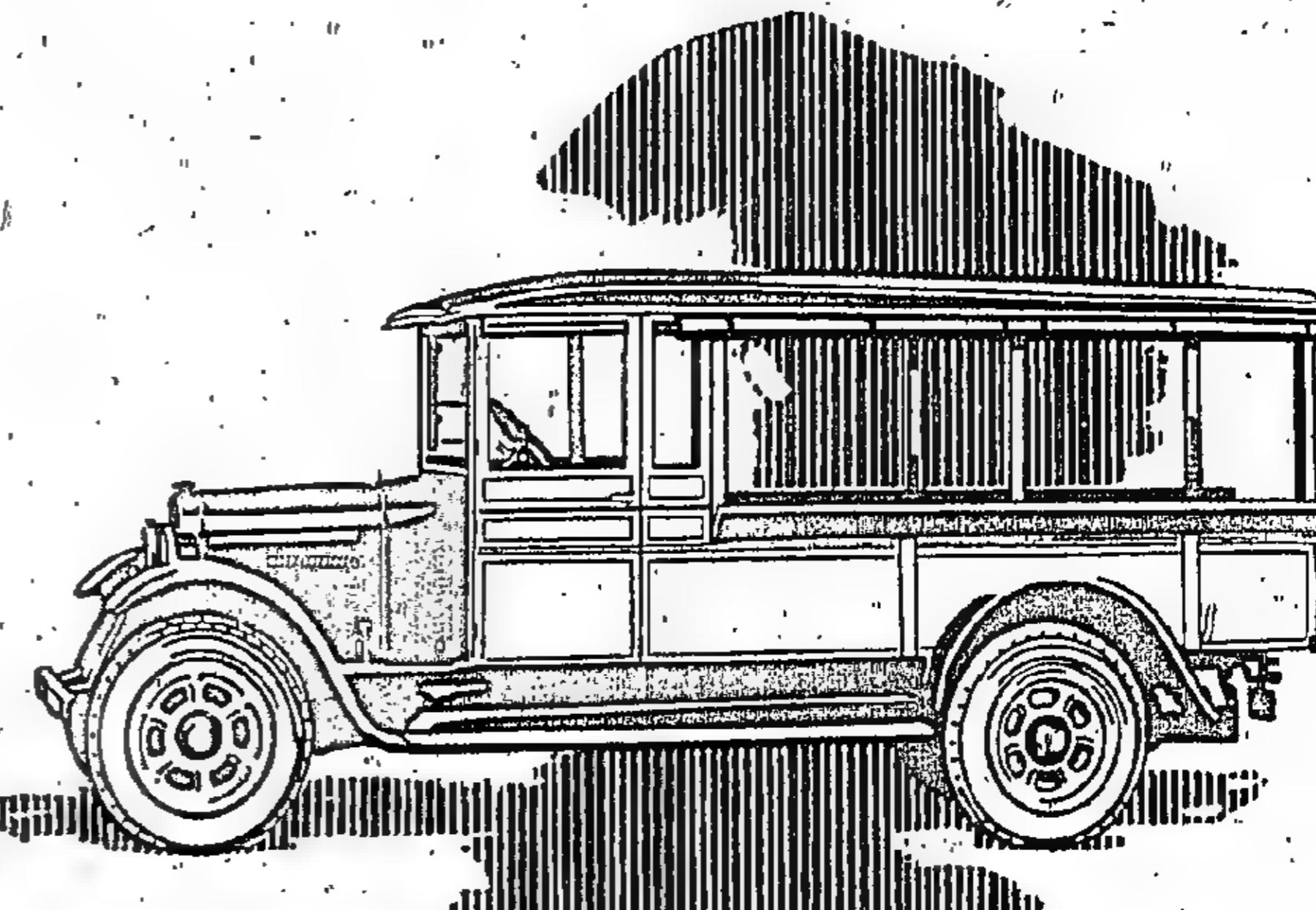
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THE ROGUE.

Cars As Well As Elephants.

(By C. A. Potts in *The Motor's Owner*).

Most people have heard of rogue elephants, but I wonder how many people realise that there are also rogue cars. Most dangerous, and invariably it ravages its unhappy owner's bank account and does its best utterly to destroy it.

They seem to delight in doing their best for their owners. They are obedient, always ready to oblige, and you can tell by the happy manner in which they purr as they skim over the road that they enjoy their work and take a pride in pleasing their masters.

But now and then you still come across the rogue, and nobody can tell what makes it a rogue.

It is made of the same parts and receives the same factory treatment as its virtuous brethren. It looks the same as any other car, but, for some unknown

reason, it is possessed of seven devils. It is insubordinate and vindictive. It is often actually a modern car and its engine is highly civilised. They seem to delight in doing their best for their owners. They are obedient, always ready to oblige, and you can tell by the happy manner in which they purr as they skim over the road that they enjoy their work and take a pride in pleasing their masters.

Most rogues are sulky in the garage, and hard to start. If they condone to fire at all they split back viciously, and try to break your wrist. Their radiators spring in accessible leaks and their contact-breaker rockers stick at the smallest provocation. On the road they are gluttons for petrol and oil, and love to strand you in isolated places with empty tanks.

Their gears are hard to change, and slip out of mesh on awkward hills. Their brakes let you down at critical moments, and their

clutches are either savagely fierce or will not grip at all. In traffic the rogue car is in its element for it knows full well that this is its great opportunity.

If you have to stop, its engine peters out and will not start again, and it seems to take a savage delight in the humiliation of its owner. Each time an insult is hurled at him by an eloquent taxi-man.

But the rogue has by no means exhausted its repertoire when it stalls. When it does condone to start, it leaps forward and charges into the back of the vehicle in front. At other times its engine revs fiercely, and refuses to slow down. Its speed is thirty miles or nothing, and progress through the traffic is exciting, to say the least of it.

This amiable propensity makes it practically impossible to engage your gears, and the resulting shrieks from the gearbox cover

you with confusion, even if no actual damage is done. On the open road the rogue car believes in the surprise attack, in which method of warfare it is an adept. It first lays itself out to inspire confidence by running along quite sweetly for a mile or two, then, without the slightest warning, it executes a super-skid which, unless you are exceedingly wary, precipitates you into the ditch.

Its horn is mute at cross-roads where the police are active, and it bolts like a volcano on every little upgrade.

If you are foolhardy enough to take the rogue away from civilisation, it takes the opportunity of showing its real nature by knocking the bottom out of its crankcase, or breaking an axle-shaft.

Desperation.

On occasions like this, owners

have been known to give their cars away to the first lecher who happens to pass by, and these owners were wise, because it is no use tinkering with a rogue, which invariably has a warped and twisted nature and is quite incurable.

I think I am safe in saying that most old motorists have met the rogue car at some time or another, but, lest I scare the new owner unduly (a thing which I should be sorry to do), let me hasten to say that the breed is, fortunately, dying out, and that in all my experience I have never met, or heard of, Morris rogue.

All the same, it is as well to be aware of the existence of such brutes, because you still may meet them on the road, and I have a theory that many of the unexplained accidents that occur are due to nothing more nor less than the hunchy frightfulness of the rogue.

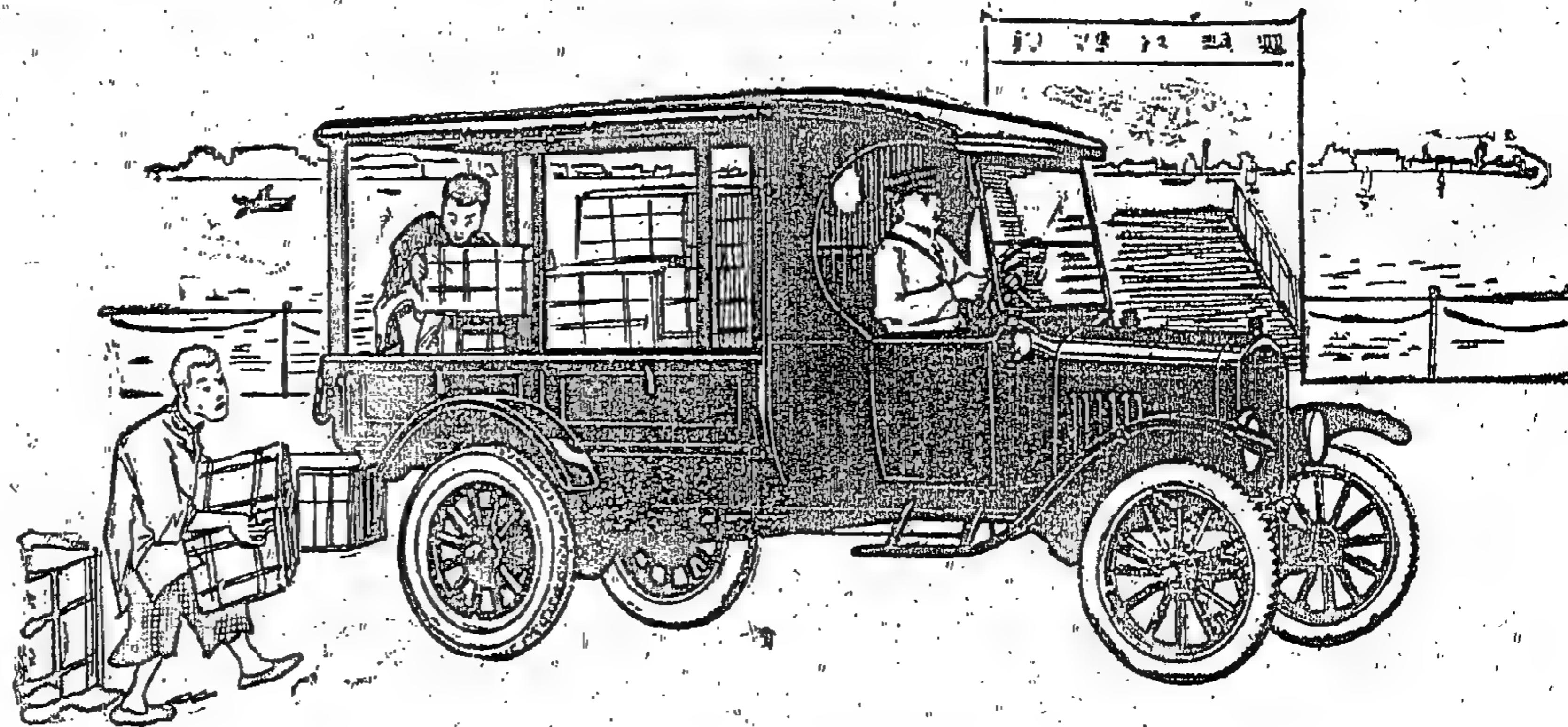
AUTO INDUSTRY GROWS.

TYRE SALES UP.

Shipments of all types of automobile casings show a total decline of 1,683,304 for the first eight months of 1926 when compared with the same period for last year. Balloon casings were the only class of tyres to show an increase over the 1915 period.

To escape the tremendously heavy burden of death-duties taxation the Duke of Devonshire has turned his family estates into a company under the title of Chatsworth Estates, Ltd. He is the seventh duke who has taken this step in the last few years. By turning his estate into a company a landowner avoids excessive taxation now imposed on large privately owned landed estates, and avoids death duties when he dies.

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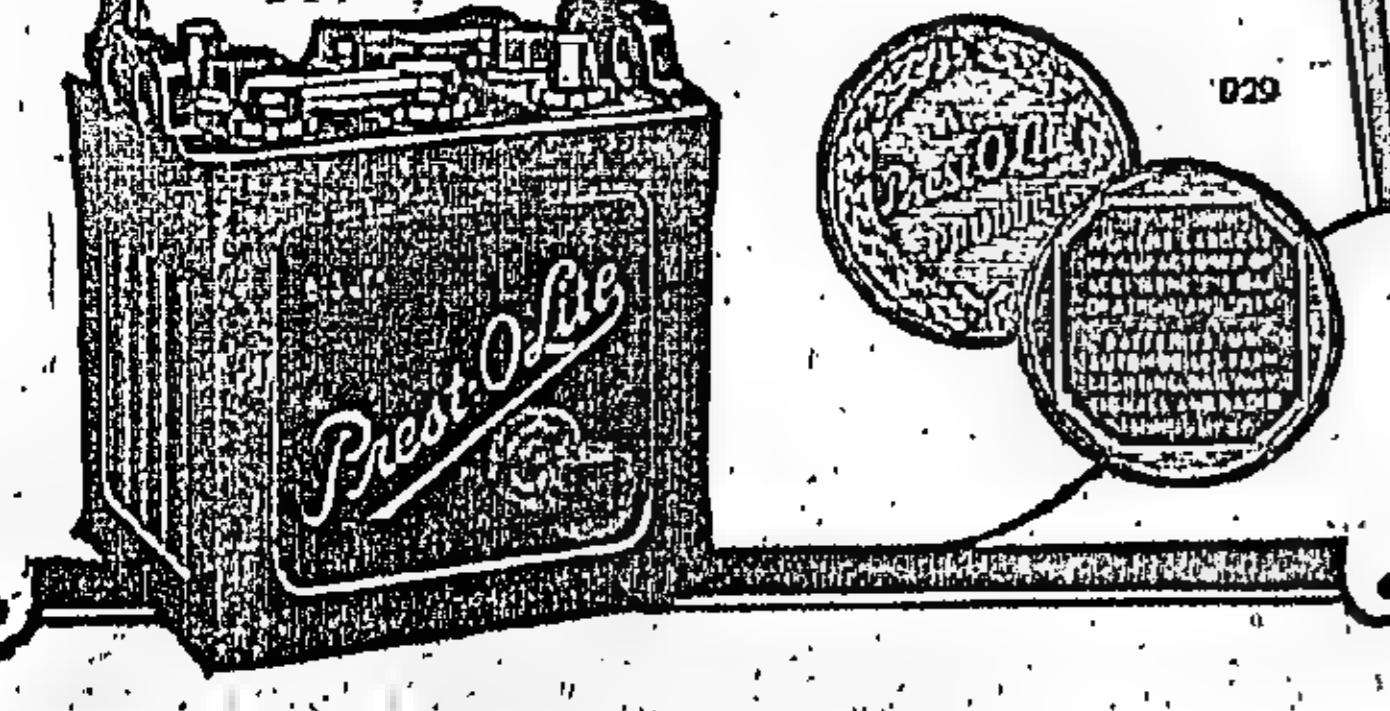
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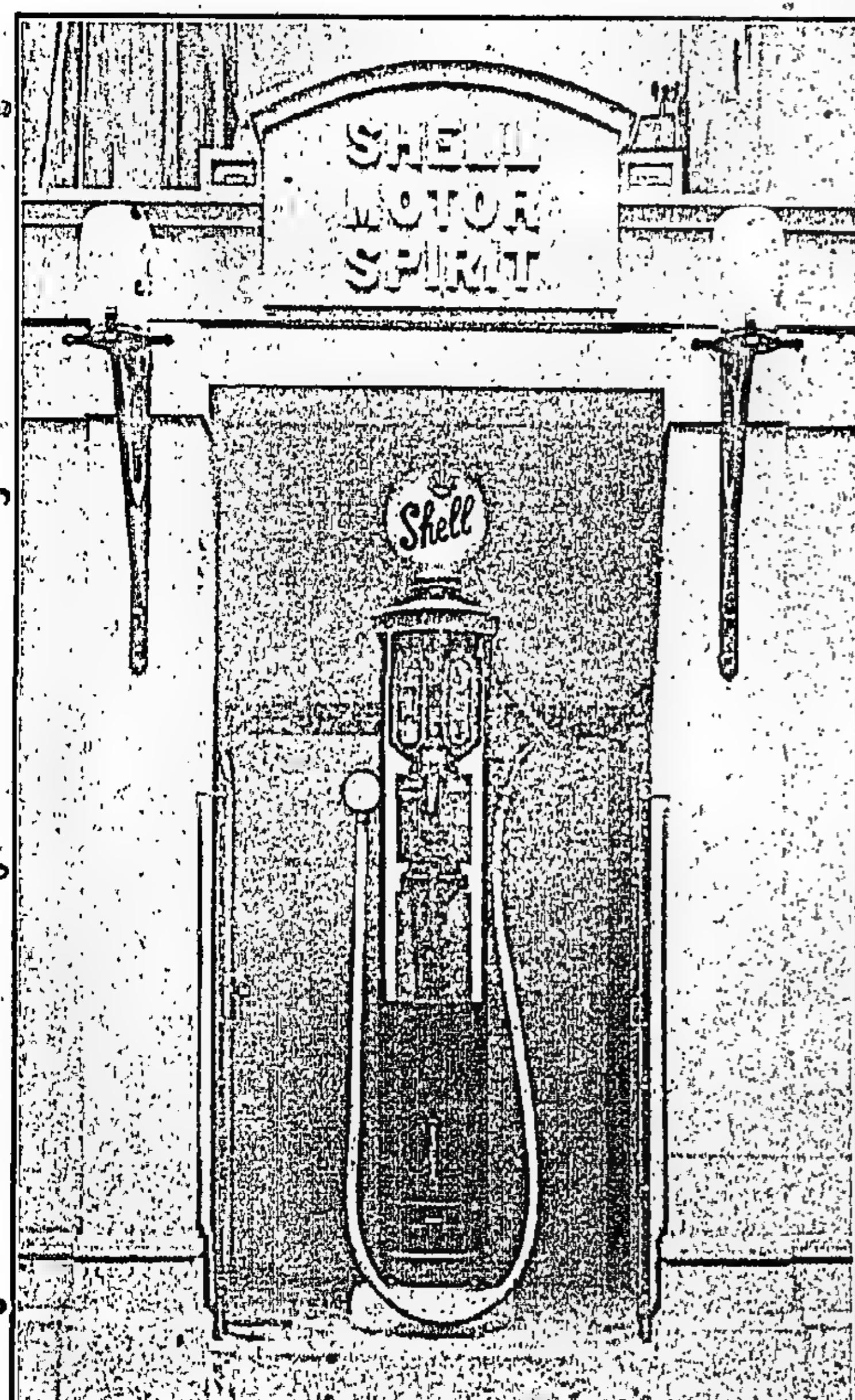
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CYLINDER WATER-LEAK.

Question.—Because of a wristpin coming loose, the third cylinder of my _____ engine has been so badly scored that a few drops of water leak into the crankcase each day. Is there anything that can be put into this score to fill it up and stop the leak? Will the small amount of water, mixing with the oil, have serious effects upon the engine?

Answer: It seems extraordinary that a score could be deep enough to cause a water leak, considering that the cylinder wall is nearly 1 inch thick, but possibly there was a blowhole in the cylinder casting, where the scores took place. There are special

alloys, which are fused into scores and ground to surface, which make successful repairs. Almost any welding concern can handle this operation. Are you absolutely sure that this water comes through the score in the cylinder wall? It seems incredible. Doesn't the water come from a leaky cylinder-head gasket and run down the bore, collecting in noticeable amounts at the scored place? Even a little water in the oil may cause slight rusting of the bore. However, it will collect at the bottom of the oil-pan and by drawing off a little liquid each day or two, from the oil-drain hole, you can eliminate most of it.

DOES THIS CARBURETOR FLOOD?

Question.—On long grades my engine starts sputtering at the carburetor, misses for a short time, and then, with a little coaxing can be made to go on. Examination shows that the carburetor is flooded at these times. What causes this trouble?

Answer: It seems strange that the carburetor is flooded at times when there are back explosions through the intake.

These generally occur when there is insufficient gasoline in the carburetor, thus making the mixture weak. Did you open the carburetor draincock to see if it was fully or empty or did you conclude it was flooding from seeing gasoline drip from the intake? Intake drip is not a conclusive evidence of carburetor flooding for intake explosions may blow back gasoline that has collected in the manifold, even when the level in the float chamber is very low. It is not clear what should make your carburetor flood under the conditions you specify. We should sooner think that fuel was low in it, due to vacuum tank insufficiency or derangement or from a dirty screen in the carburetor fuel inlet.

DEATH-SIGNS FOR MOTORISTS.

Strange Proposal In New South Wales.

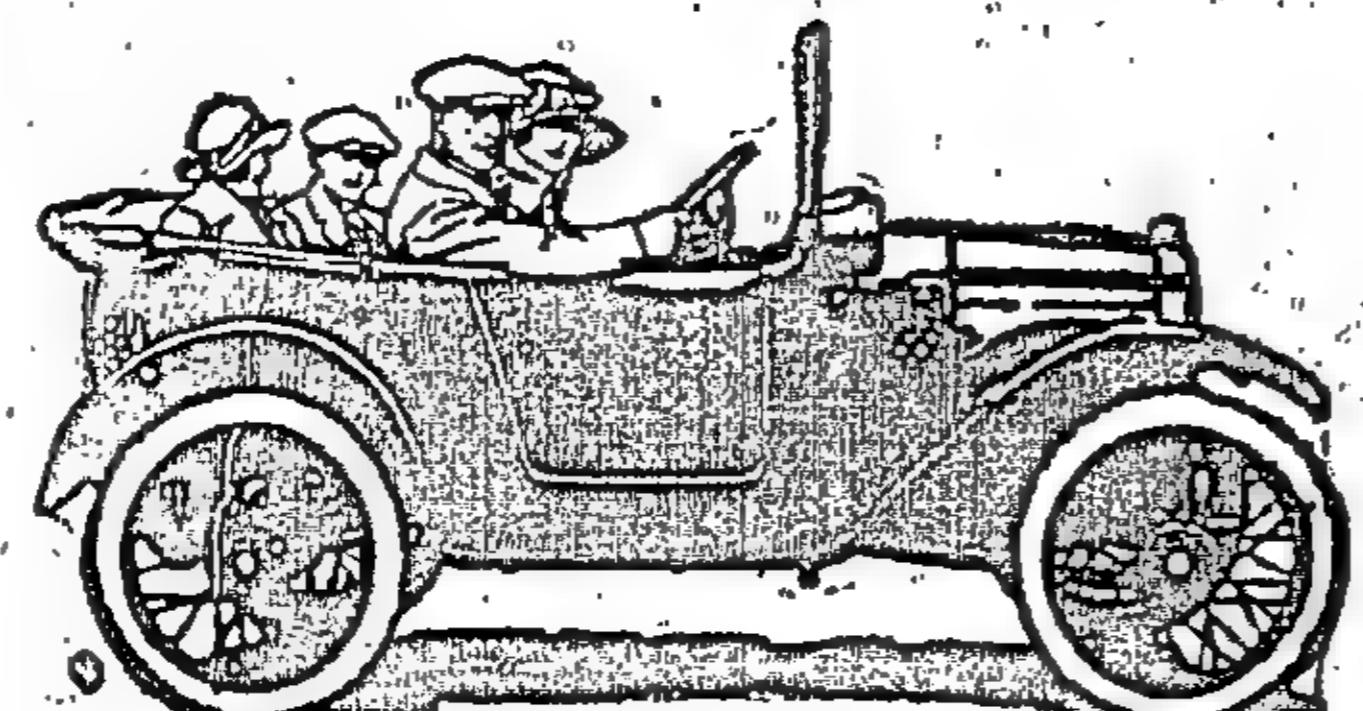
A curious suggestion is being considered by the municipal and rural authorities of New South Wales, with a view to discouraging dangerous motor driving. The proposal is to erect a "death" sign at every spot on the public highways where a motor fatality has occurred. These signs would unfortunately appear at frequent intervals, and it is believed that they would have a restraining effect upon reckless motorists.

One local authority has already expressed willingness to erect such signs, and if the scheme is generally approved, the next step is likely to be an open competition for the best design.



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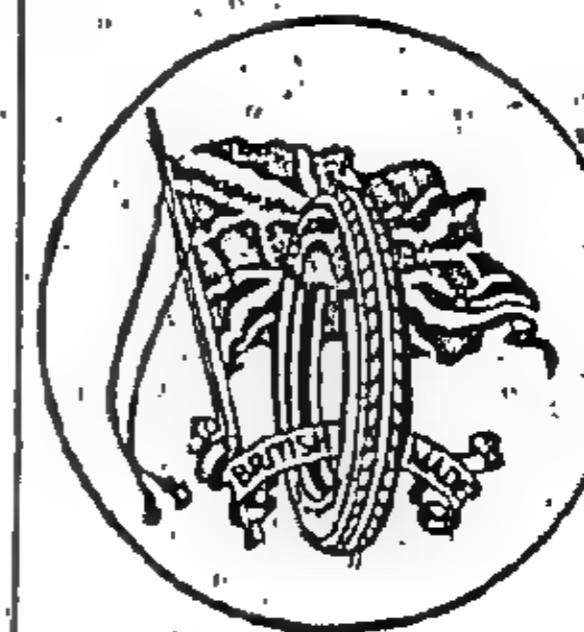
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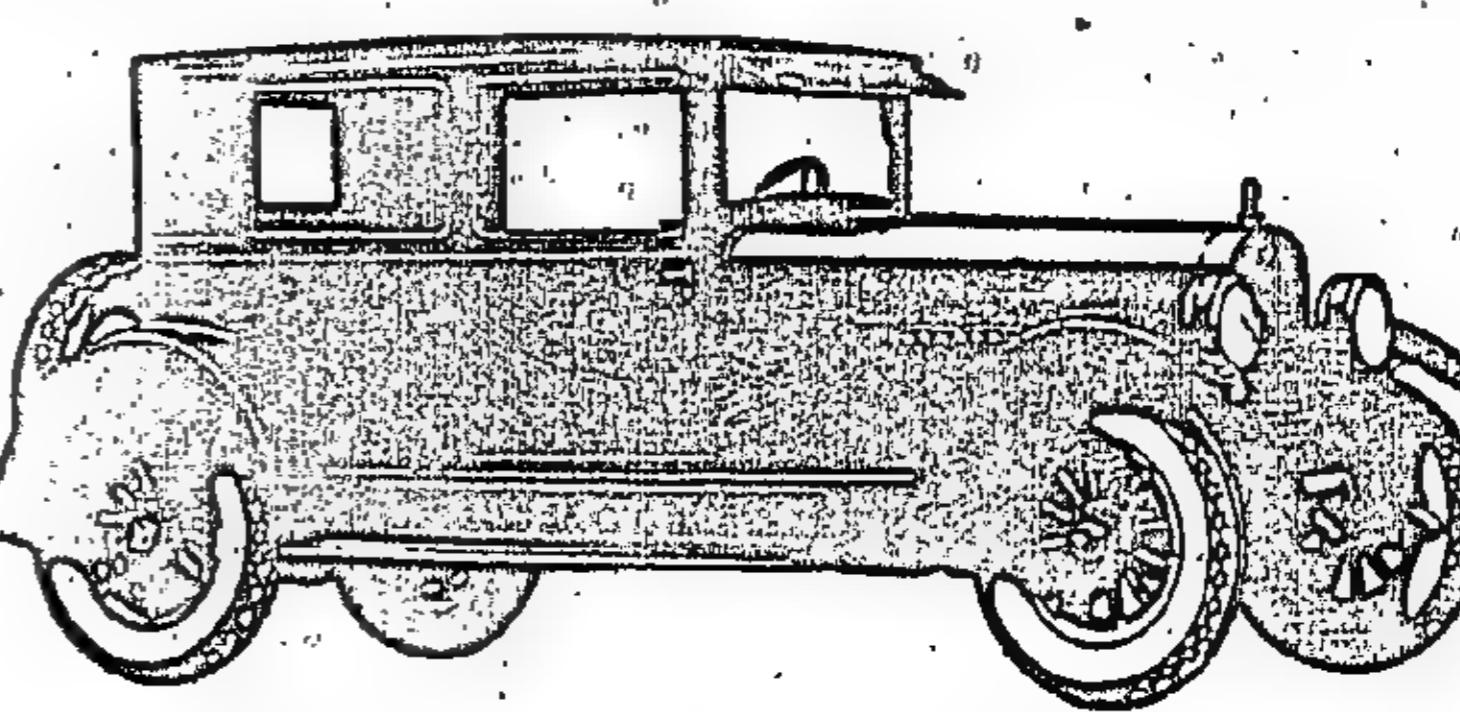
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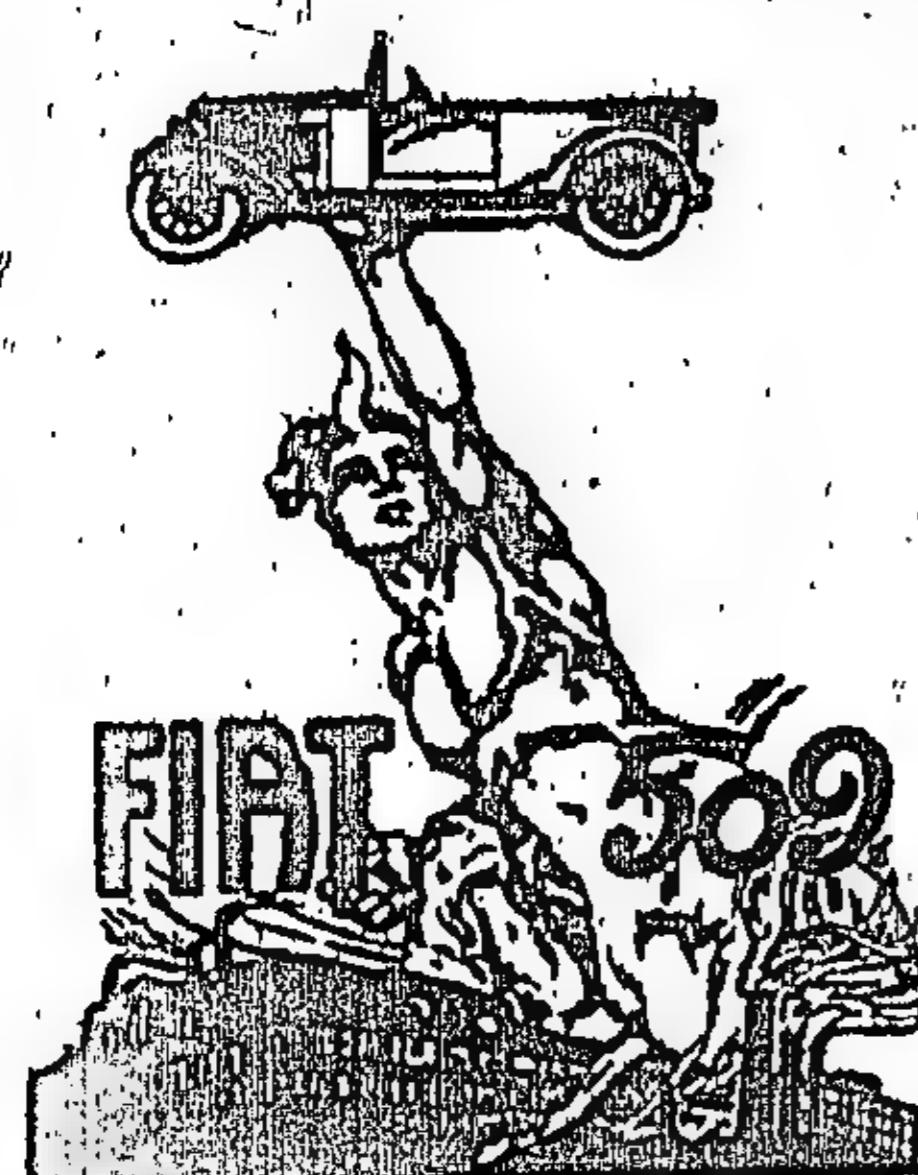
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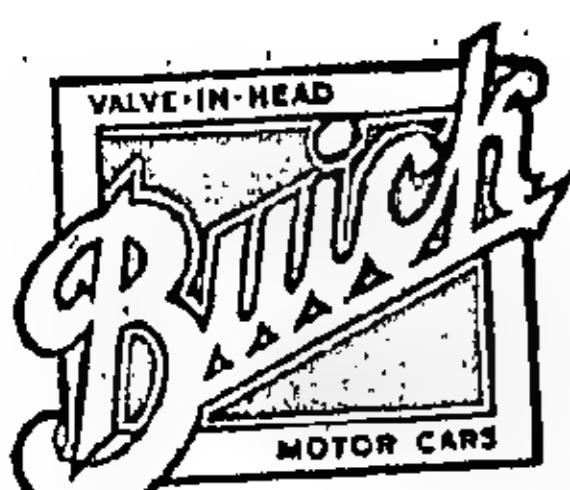
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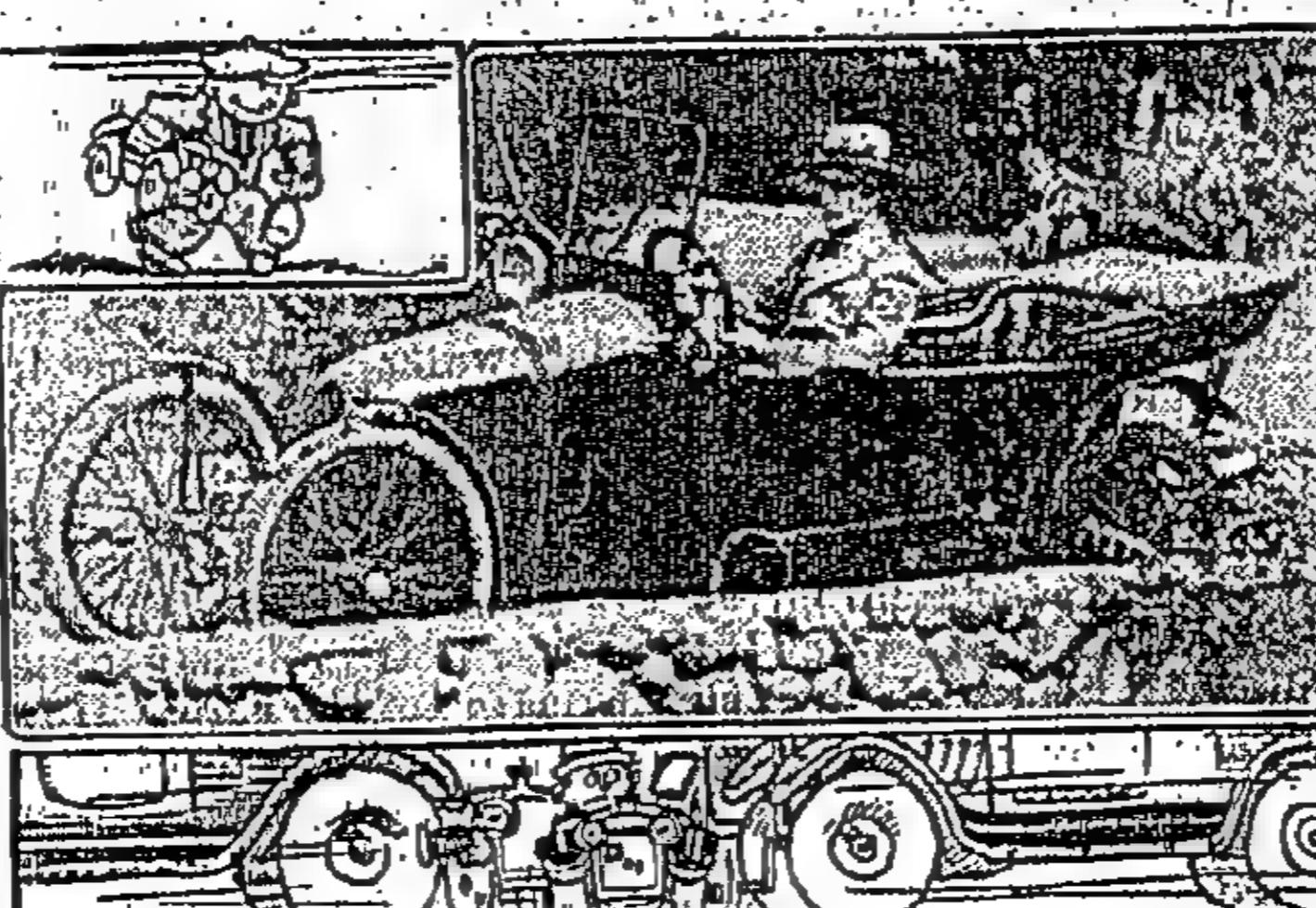
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Even its name, "Economycar," designates, far in advance the purpose for the manufacture of the European type car to-day.

Charles A. Trask, Indianapolis engineer, is the owner of this car. He has had it for the last 13 years. He has a modern type, larger automobile, but depends on this little car for his city business and short distance driving.

The car has a 98-inch wheel base, two inches shorter than the shortest standard model in this country. Its tread is 36 inches. The wheels carry 28 by 3-inch tyres, which have lasted him an average of four and a half years for a set.

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The engine is of the two-cylinder, air-cooled, motorcycle type, with an additional fan and flywheel. It's the same engine with which the car started 13 years ago, and on which Trask has spent very little for repairs.

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The car has a "one-man" top, which has been replaced twice. Its entire weight is 700 pounds. Trask has driven the car 60,000 miles, he says. And it's still as good as ever. It will attain a speed of 40 miles an hour, will make 45 miles on a gallon of gasoline, and will use up only five gallons of oil in a year's driving.

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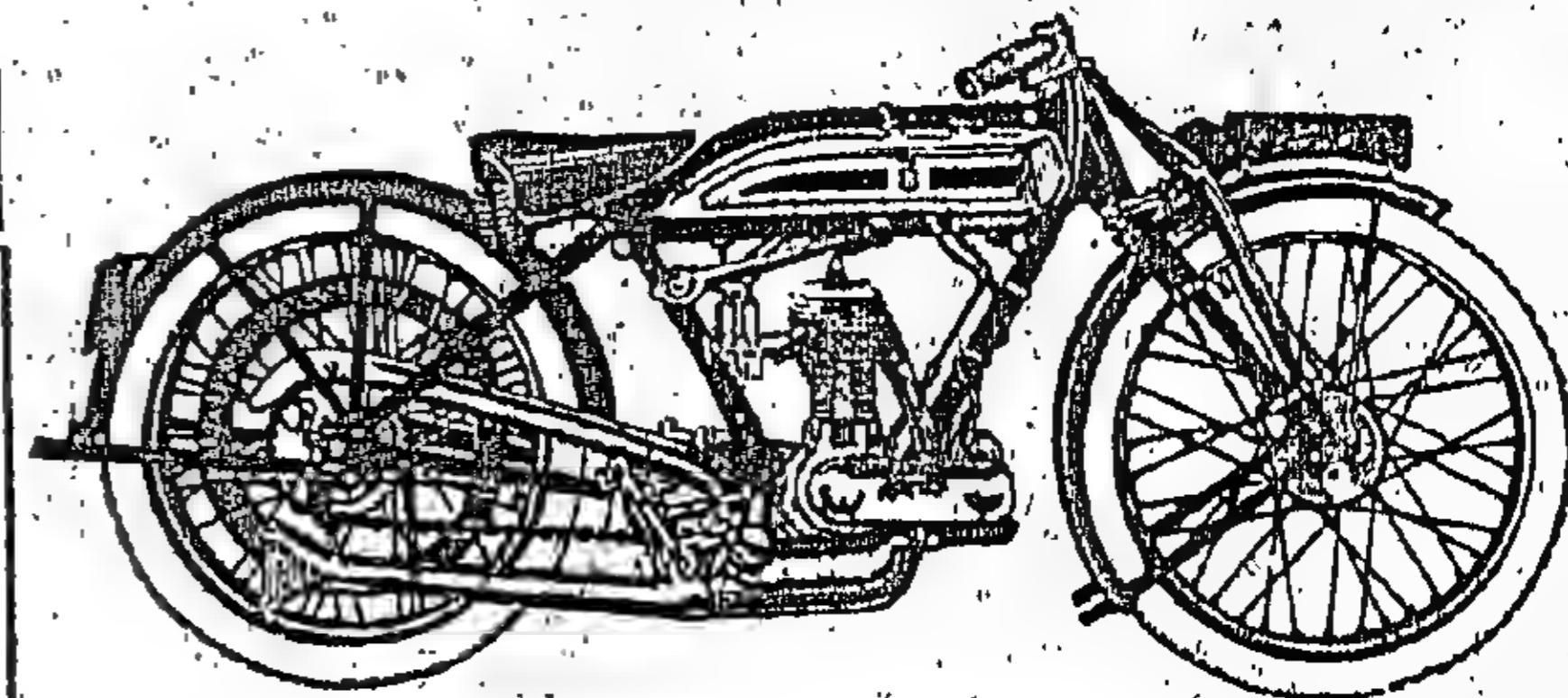
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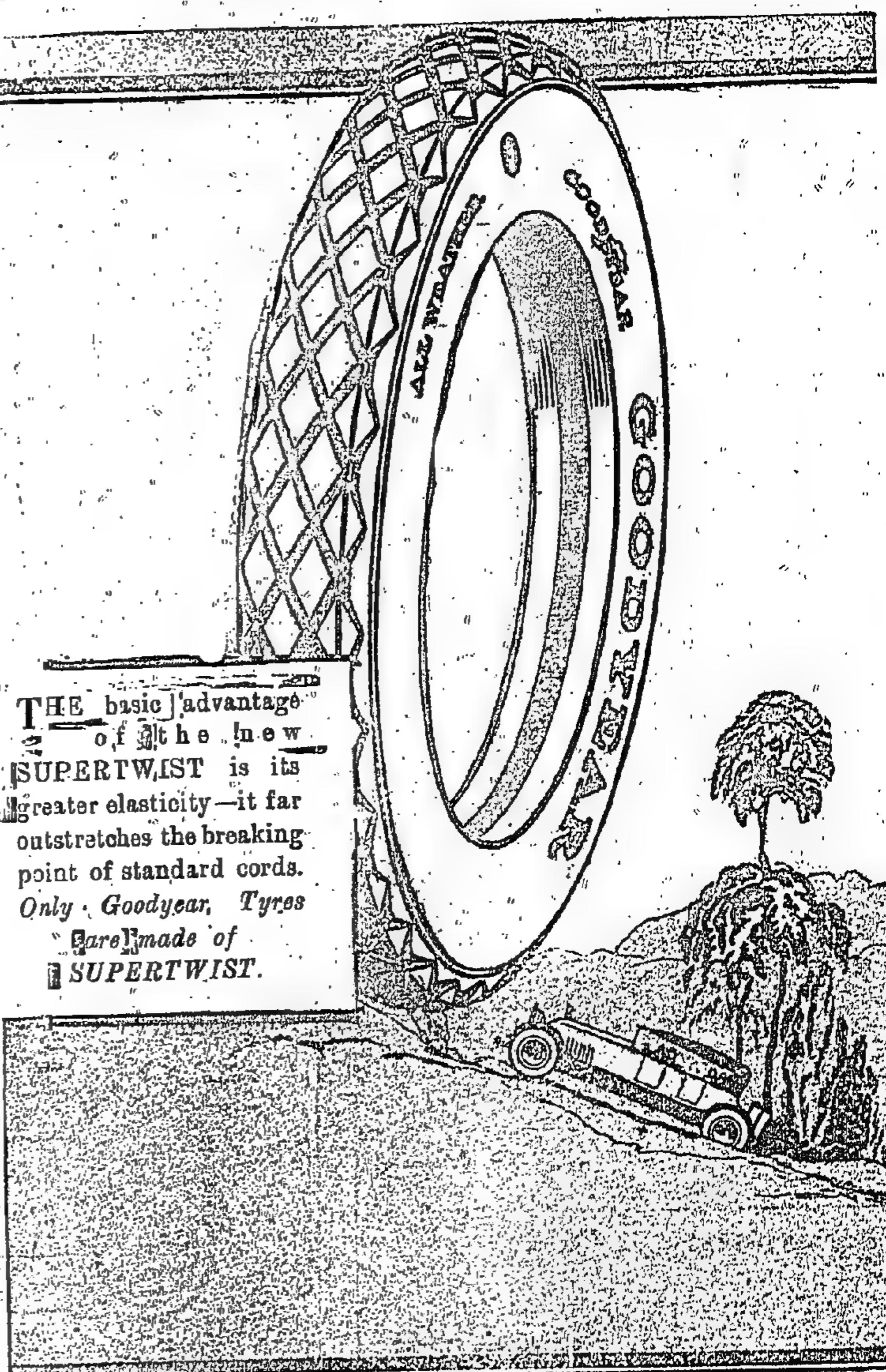
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Four men, two of whom were armed with pistols, forced their way into 3086, Point Road, Shanghai recently. Whilst a couple intimidated the inmates and prevented them from raising an alarm, the others rummaged the drawers of the furniture and succeeded in securing various articles, including a passbook for \$300, to the value of \$800 altogether. No shots were fired and the alarm was not raised until some time after the visitors' departure. No arrests were made.



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Birmingham will become the most perfect civic centre in the British Empire if a scheme, which is already nearly completed, is passed by the general purposes committee of the city council.

The scheme involves an expenditure of more than one million pounds on planning and constructing a new heart for the city, for which architects in every part of the world will be invited to submit designs.

It will result in the centre of Birmingham being moved a quarter of a mile to the west. Gardens will be laid out, and new buildings, such as a Mansion House for the Lord Mayor, a concert hall to hold 10,000 people, a new public library, and a number of other additional public buildings, will be constructed.

The architects invited to submit designs for this reconstruction will be asked to suggest a general lay-out for the area as well as plans and designs for the most suitable type of buildings.

The scheme will be put forward by Sir David Brooks, chairman of the sub-committee concerned, and it is understood that the city council are sympathetic towards it. They consider that the scheme will meet a long-felt want.

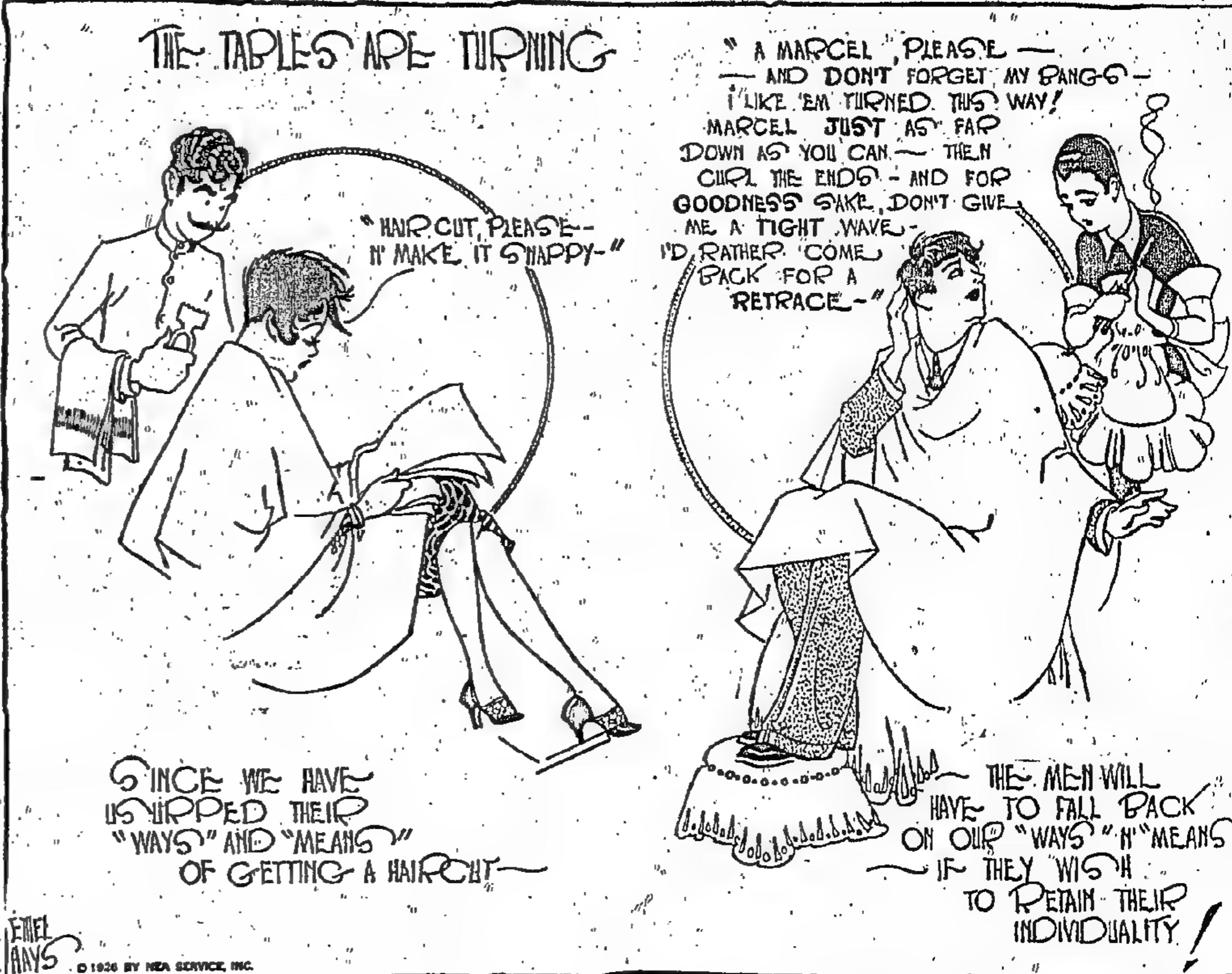
Birmingham has long been without adequate civic buildings. This new scheme will group them round, the war memorial, and will turn the heart of Birmingham into a place of perfect buildings, new and old, and beautiful gardens.

The present Council House and other municipal buildings will be retained, but when the scheme is completed they will form part of a square covering more than thirty acres, with new roads branching from it and new commercial areas opened up.

It is probable that in order to complete this any leases which fall due will be acquired by the council, and that the buildings concerned will be pulled down or reconstructed.

"Our object is to make Birmingham the largest and the most perfect civic centre in the Empire," said Sir David Brooks.

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"The necessary expenditure will be arranged by the city council under Government authority, and will be repaid by means of an annual sinking fund."

INGENIOUS THEFT.

EMPTY HAMPER IN LUGGAGE VAN.

An ingenious method of stealing, alleged by the prosecution to have been used by John Slayford, a Lambeth stoker, was described at Woking recently when Slayford was charged with being concerned, with a man not in custody, with the theft of tobacco.

The prosecution said Slayford's method was to put a large empty hamper in the luggage van of a corridor train. During the journey he would enter the van, hav-

ing a confederate in the corridor on the watch, and put whatever articles he could in the hamper. Then, on arriving at the station for which the hamper was labelled, he would claim it in the usual way.

The rail companies, said the prosecuting solicitor, felt they had stumbled on one of the causes of loss of goods and luggage. Slayford's landlady would give evidence that he constantly went out with an empty hamper in the morning, returning at night with a heavily laden one.

It being intimated that three other similar charges would be preferred, a remand was ordered.

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AMENDED LAWS.

HARBOUR MASTER'S NEW POWERS.

COUNCIL CLERK CHANGE.

The *Gazette* contains the draft of an Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911. This Bill makes three amendments in the Ordinance.

Clause 2 adds to section 25 of the Ordinance, a sub-section which provides that in an appointment to an office it shall not be necessary to name any particular individual but that the appointment may be of the holder of some other office in the name of that office. The sub-section goes on to provide that upon an appointment being made in that form the person who is from time to time, for the time being, performing the duties of the latter office shall be deemed to have been appointed to the former office.

POWER NEEDED.

A particular provision to this effect was inserted recently in the Marriage Amendment Ordinance, 1926. Under that particular provision it will be possible to appoint "the Land Officer" to be Registrar of Marriage, and that one appointment will be sufficient for so long as the Land Office remains the Registry of Marriages. Without this power it would be necessary to make a fresh appointment whenever a new Land Officer or acting Land Officer were appointed. Clause 2 of the Bill proposes to make a general provision for this class of case.

DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

In order to reduce the pressure of work on the Assistant Colonial Secretary, it is proposed that, while retaining his duties as Clerk to the Executive Council, he should be relieved of his duties as Clerk to the Legislative Council. There is at present a technical obstacle in the way of this being done, in that the Ordinances generally contemplate only one clerk for both Councils. Clause 3 of the Bill meets this difficulty by providing in effect, for a Deputy Clerk of Councils. The intention is to appoint a Deputy Clerk of Councils who will act as Clerk to the Legislative Council.

HARBOUR MASTER'S POWERS.

Sub-sections (3) and (5) of section 22 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, gives the Harbour Master certain powers over merchant ships, including, *inter alia*, power to allow berths, and power to give special directions for typhoon weather. It appears, however, that these powers apply only when the merchant ship in question is in a port of the Colony, and, therefore, so far as the port of Victoria is concerned, they do not extend beyond the harbour limits. Table W in the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, makes Victoria Harbour a port of the Colony, and section 39 B (7) of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, gives the boundaries of the Harbour of Victoria.

Broadly speaking, those boundaries, as at present laid down, exclude everything east of a straight line drawn from North Point to Kowloon City, and they also exclude large part of the area between Stonecutters Island and the mainland. It has been found in practice that ships anchoring to the eastward of the eastern boundary of the harbour, being outside the harbour limits and thus not being bound to obey orders issued by the Harbour Master under section 22 (5) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, sometimes fail in typhoon weather to raise steam or take other necessary precautions. Such ships sometimes drag their anchors down to the westward into the harbour limits and thus constitute a very grave danger to ships within the harbour limits which have taken all precautions in accordance with the orders of the Harbour Master.

NEW LIMITS.

For this purpose, if for no other, it is essential that the authority of the Harbour Master should extend to the natural boundary of the harbour on the eastward, i.e., to Lyemun Pass. The definition in this Bill extends the harbour to Lyemun Pass on the eastward, and also includes the area north of Stonecutters Island above referred to. This amendment is desirable also for the purposes of section 39 (18) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, which gives the Harbour Master certain powers over junks, lighters, cargo boats and small craft.

It should be noticed that the following results will also flow from the proposed amendment of the harbour limits:

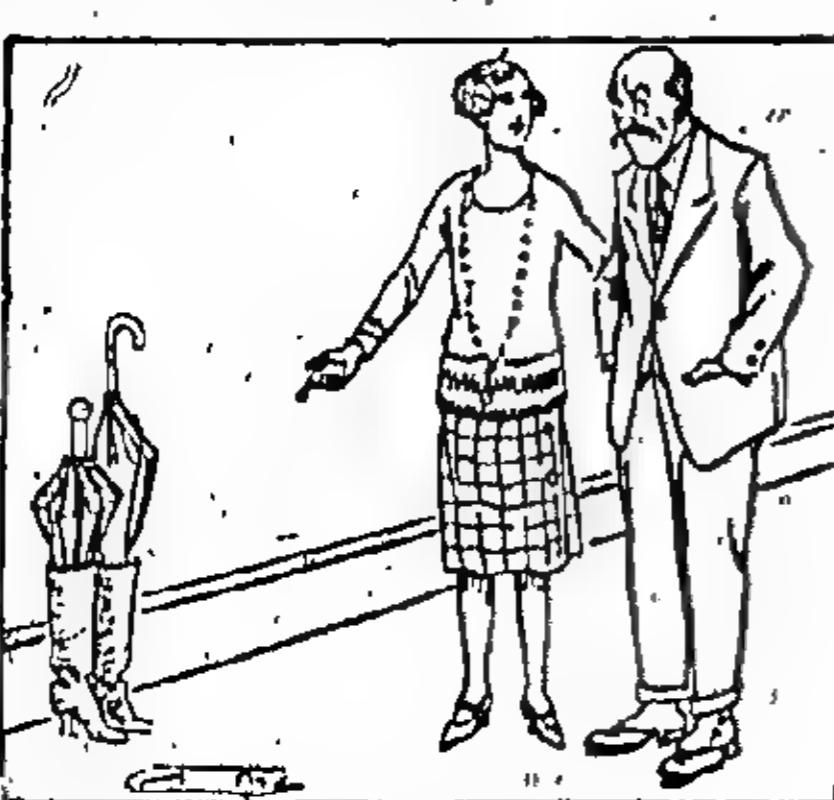
MIXED GRILL

& A Merry Miscellany

Ashley Sterne

I am very sorry, ladies, but you mustn't wear your dear little Russian boots again this winter. At least, so the fashion papers say, though they omit to mention what the penalty is for infringing the edict. Possibly the wearing of them will be its own punishment, since it will be apparent that a woman who persists in defying Fashion's usages can only possess calves like beer-barrels and ankles like balloons.

I admit that this sudden change of vogue is very distressing, especially from the economic point of view, as it is very hard to find any practical use for discarded Russian boots. One lady of my acquaintance has, however, ingeniously converted hers into a stand for two umbrellas; another has



filled hers with melted lead and is using one as a doorstopper and the other as a paper-weight; while yet a third has cut the uppers of hers, and by means of a little light repoussé work, at which she is adept, is busily transforming them into fancy washers for suction-pumps.

One of the exhibits at the recent Inventions Exhibition at Westminster was an "impickable lock. Our friend, Mr. William Sykes, has since been heard to declare his intention of inventing, by way of retaliation, a silent burglar-alarm.

"Over-indulgence in sweet-eating," says an eminent physician, "often leads to a general downwardgrading of character." If this indeed be so, the moment is obviously ripe, not to say over-ripe, for instituting some sort of sweet-Eaters' Rescue Society. Inspectors of the Society might then be sent round to all our cinemas and theatres, and whenever they observed a young person tempted to eat one pear-drop over the eigh, they should take him or her aside, and gently but firmly seek to persuade the victim to cast the noxious confection away and try sucking a potash lozenge instead. In order to drive the lesson home the Inspectors might further be provided with tracts in which the moral downfall of the wretched boy who had given way to a craving for aniseed-balls was depicted in glowing phrases; how, by persisting in the awful practice, he drove both his parents to drink and himself to a life of crime, and how he was at last spared a humiliating death on the scaffold by dying of billiousness while he was being pinioned. This, I think, if suitably illustrated with coloured diagrams of a chronic jujube-sucker's liver and the oesophagus of a Pontefract eake fiend, would go far towards stopping this insidious and debasing habit.

A man rushed into a City tea-shop the other afternoon and discharged three shots from a revolver. I have it on the authority of a customer who was present that at least two of the waitresses were distinctly heard to moan in their sleep.

Since Mr. Bernard Shaw has admitted that he attributes his child-like complexion to the fact that he only uses water, and never soap to wash his face, it has occurred to me that possibly all famous men have their own peculiarities as to face-washing, and accordingly I wired my own little coterie of celebrities to inquire what they were in the habit of cleaning their diala with. Here are their answers:

(a) Vessels affected by the Quarantine Regulations in Table L in the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, if arriving in Hongkong between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., will have to anchor outside Lyemun Pass.

(b) Under Regulation 7 of Table M in the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, vessels exceeding 60 tons will have to reduce their speed to 3

Professor Barnion-Crumpett.—Emery-paper and a shaveshave.

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Sir Batty Innes-Belfry.—Tar.

Dr. Bulkley Stodger.—Nitro-glycerine and nitro-cucumber.

Professor Anacæthesius Bilgewater.—Acetylene blow-flame.

Mr. Bonney Tosher.—"Generally use a palette-knife, but in addition I have my face bleached with quick-lime every alternate Leap Year."

Excavations at Sehwan, Sind have revealed a number of hitherto unknown verses by Omar Khayyam. So let us adjourn to Hotum Ti's tavern, and drink a few Giau-Piffs to the Immortal Memory of the Bibulous Bard, whereafter I will recite:

Good Omar, in these Times of grave Unrest,
When bronchial colds afflict each heaving Chest,
And German coal pollutes our atmosphere,
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Again, as erst you did in Teheran,

For though the Pussyfoot may urge until they're blaz,

The harm which from the Vineyard may accrue,

"Tis better far to wine than just to whine,"

And that's the Doctrine taught, good Sage, by you!

Ah, yes! I know that many are opposed,

To Praise the Cup o'er which great Jamshyd dozed!

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That your sweet-scented Manuscripts aren't closed!

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moulds. The greatest mathematical precision has to be exercised in applying the stripes, as any deviation from the authentic geometrical design may cause the consumer to contract gum-boil or even pyrrhoe. The pattern has consequently to be first traced upon the surface with diamond-pointed calipers, and the exact amplitude of curvature checked by means of the differential calculus. The artists, many of whom, have been trained at the Misaid School, are paid at a very high rate for their labours, since the work not only demands an advanced degree of skill, but it must on no account be sent for exhibition at the Royal Academy. Nor may the artists hold "private views" of their handiwork, the manufacturers rightly contending that the consumption of the finished bull's-eye affords them all the "puff" they are entitled to.

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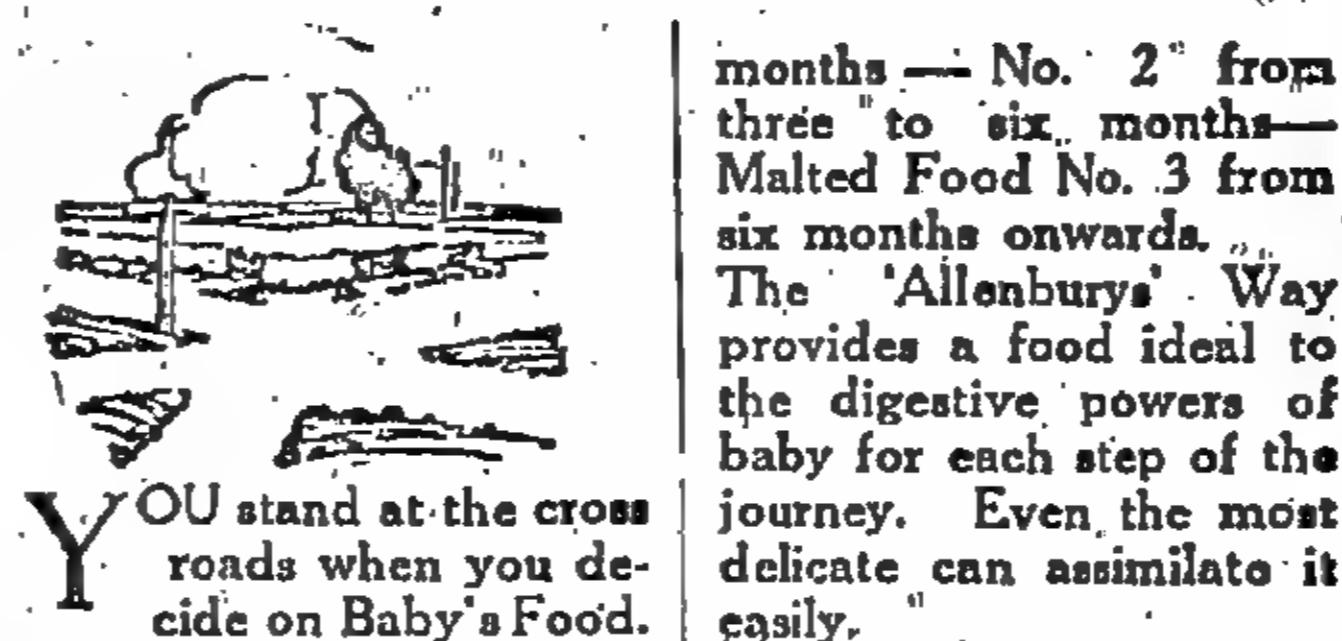
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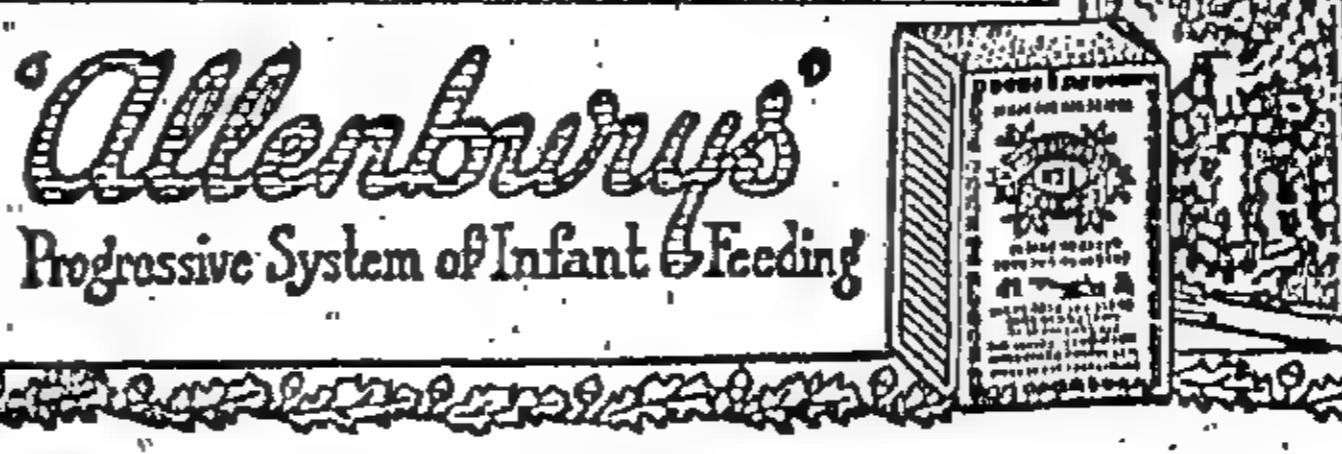
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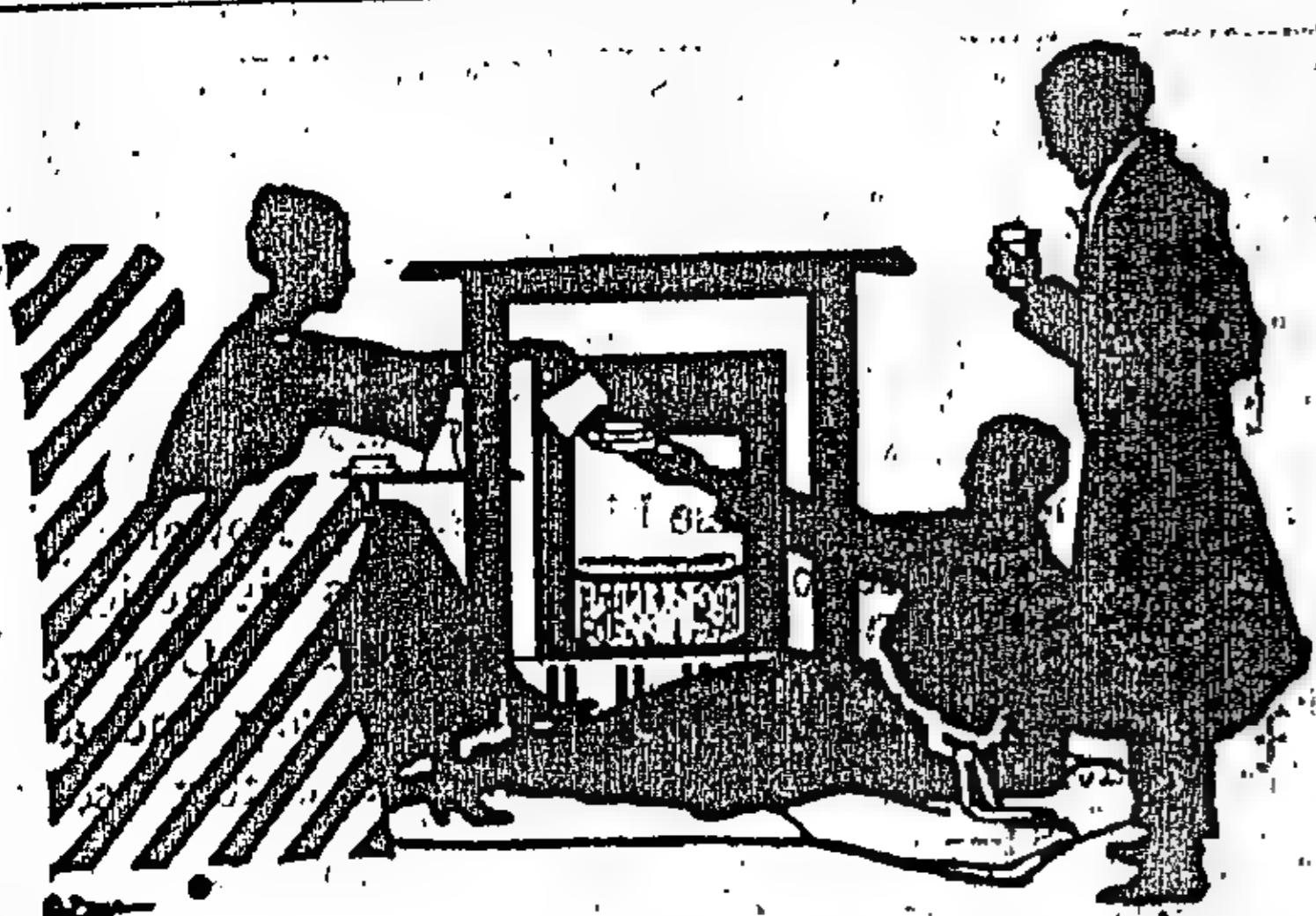
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YESTERDAY'S AUCTIONS.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT CHINA ROOM.

The attendance at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon was probably the largest seen at a public auction for some time, the attraction being six very valuable household properties situated in various parts of the Colony. Although there was a great deal of bidding for each of the six lots only two were sold, the other four being withdrawn, the reserve price not reached.

The first of the two lots sold was that situated on the remaining portion of Marine Lot No. 68, together with the building erected thereon and known as No. 4, Ko Shing Street.

Starting at \$25,000 with bids of \$200 each, acceptable, the lot was knocked down to Mr. Kwong King-chuen, for the sum of \$38,000.

A similar price was paid by Mr. To Long-chuen for the other lot, which was also offered at \$25,000 with bids of \$200 each acceptable. The lot comprised Section H of Inland Lot No. 1247 and Section H of Inland Lot No. 1,252 respectively, 7 and 8 Mui, Fong Street.

After reaching \$31,400, No. 4 Mosque Street, which was put up at \$25,000 at \$200 bids, was withdrawn.

The other three lots were more valuable and in each case bids of not less than \$500 each were asked. "Hazeldine" No. 58, Robinson Road, was withdrawn at \$64,500 an increase of \$14,500 on the upcast price of \$50,000, while No. 22 Stanley Street was withdrawn at the same mark, after \$9,500 had been added to a similar upcast price in the previous lot.

There were ten bids of \$500 each offered for No. 161 Des Voeux Road, West, which was withdrawn at \$40,000.

BANK NOTE CASE.

LEAVE TO APPEAL GRANTED.

Sir Henry Gollan, K. C. and Mr. Justice J. R. Wood sat in appellate jurisdiction yesterday afternoon to hear an application by Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C. for leave to appeal from a decision in the Summary Court by Mr. Justice Wood. The case was the Bank note case in which a Chinese plaintiff claimed \$500, the value of a Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note, which was damaged in washing a garment in which it was sewn for safety.

Judgment was given against the Bank which was represented by Mr. Potter. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. Potter after stating his application said the decision involved a question of considerable importance, not only to the Bank but to the general public in that it was liable to have a big effect on the note issue of the Colony. He then went on to examine the judgment in the court below and in doing so quoted many authorities.

The Chief Justice asked counsel whether if the lady owning the note had taken its number and was in a position to go to the Bank and say, "I have treated this note like this but the number was so and so" the Bank would be liable to pay.

Mr. Potter submitted the Bank would not be liable in strict law although he could say that they unquestionably would. Their object was not to avoid payment, that was the last thing they wanted to do. But the matter was bigger than that. He ought to remind them that the chief accountant had given evidence that these notes were presented at the rate of one a week. Serial numbers was an important thing, the whole system of the Bank's note issue being based on that.

His Lordship: I can see the convenience of that.

After conferring with the Plaintiff, Judge the Chief Justice granted the leave to appeal.

MEXICAN OIL LAWS.

FOREIGN COMPANIES SENT REMINDER.

Mexico City, Dec. 17.

The Government has telegraphed to foreign companies that, if they do not apply for confirmation of their titles in accordance with the oil laws within the time limit, they will be deemed to have renounced their rights.

A statement, however, in the same telegrams, says the law does not provide "forfeiture" for violation of the provisions.

A further statement commented on is that a number of the largest companies, popularly considered foreign, such as La Corona and El Guila (Mexican Eagle Oil) are Mexican, according to their articles of incorporation.

U. S. STEEL CORPORATION.

LARGE INCREASE IN COMMON SHARES PROPOSED.

London, Dec. 17.

It is officially announced that the United States Steel Corporation has unanimously voted to recommend to the stockholders at the annual meeting to be held in April, 1927, that the Corporation's common shares be increased by 2,033,210 shares, which is equivalent to forty per cent of the present outstanding common shares, for the purpose of distributing them as an extra special dividend to the common stockholders.

Although some distribution has long been expected, the size of the bonus comes as a general surprise. As a stock feature to-day's market dealt with an enormous volume which reached over 157 or over three points above the previous day's dealings.—Reuters.

Having disclosed that there is enough money in the American treasury to warrant a 15 per cent credit on this year's income taxes the administration feels that the next move is up to Congress. It was said at the White House that President Coolidge, through Congress, is the best judge of what should be done with the surplus.

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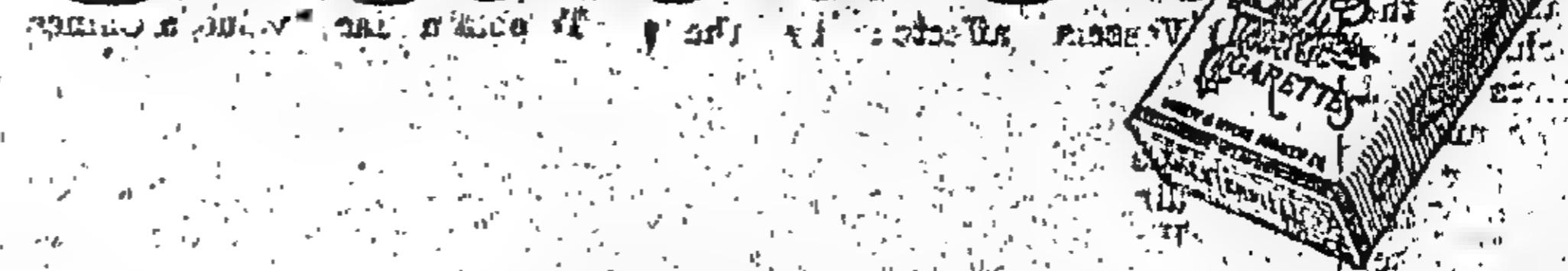
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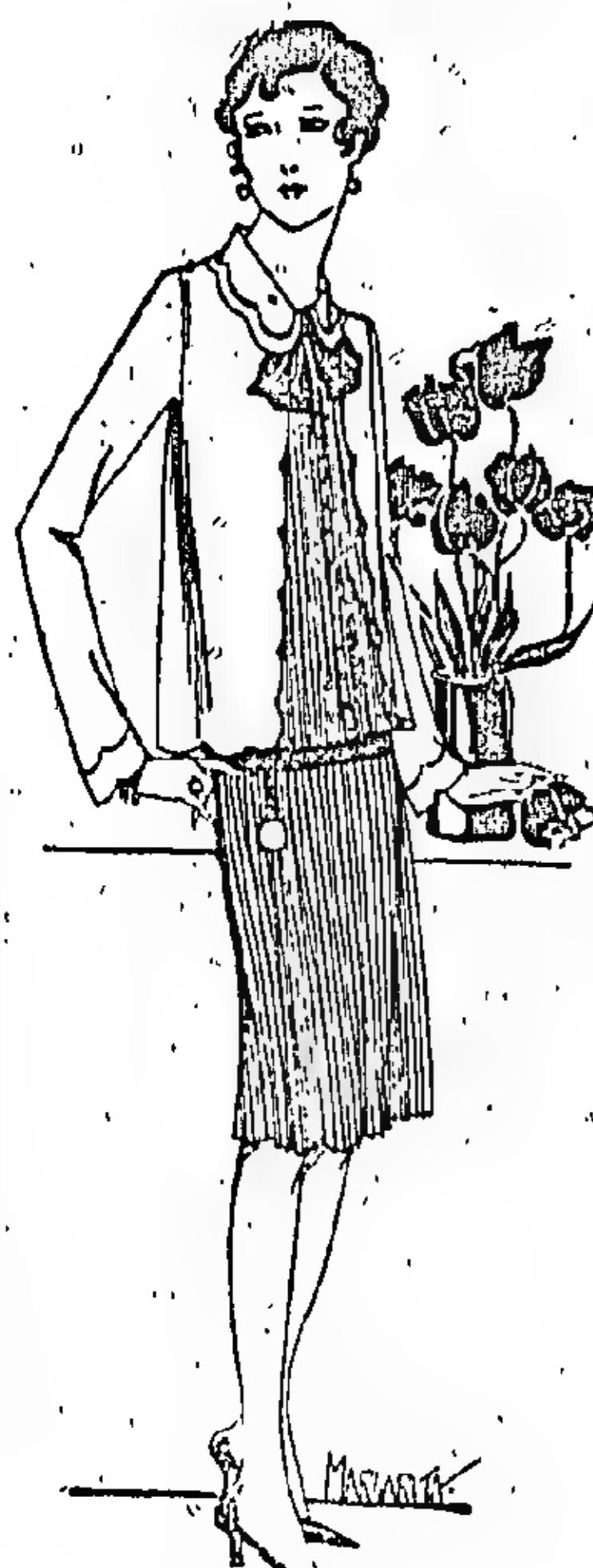


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DANCING.

IS IT REALLY HEALTHY?

The answer to this question depends entirely on the dancer. We hear so much about the various ills and disabilities suffered by the community from dancing in general that there are evidently pitfalls for most of us in this comparatively innocuous pastime.

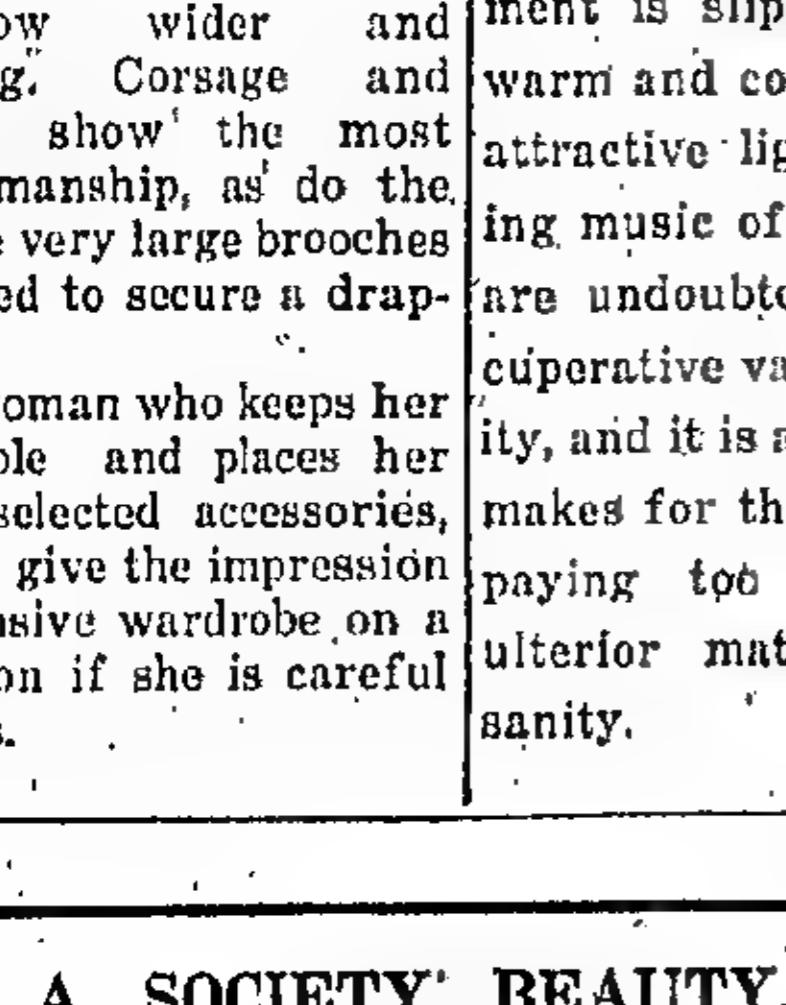
The soundest rule for everybody is to dance in moderation. Taken in moderate doses, a good dance after the day's work is an admirable tonic. The evils of dancing are nearly all traceable to the abuses of early morning parties, excessive smoking, and a resort to cocktails because they are fashionable rather than because they are enjoyed. Dancing for the average person can be as healthy as tennis or any other out-door pastime if a few simple prohibitions are borne in mind. It may sound ridiculous to suggest to people that they should avoid overcrowded ballrooms, but if they want a healthy dance they will certainly have to do so.

Grace and Pleasure.

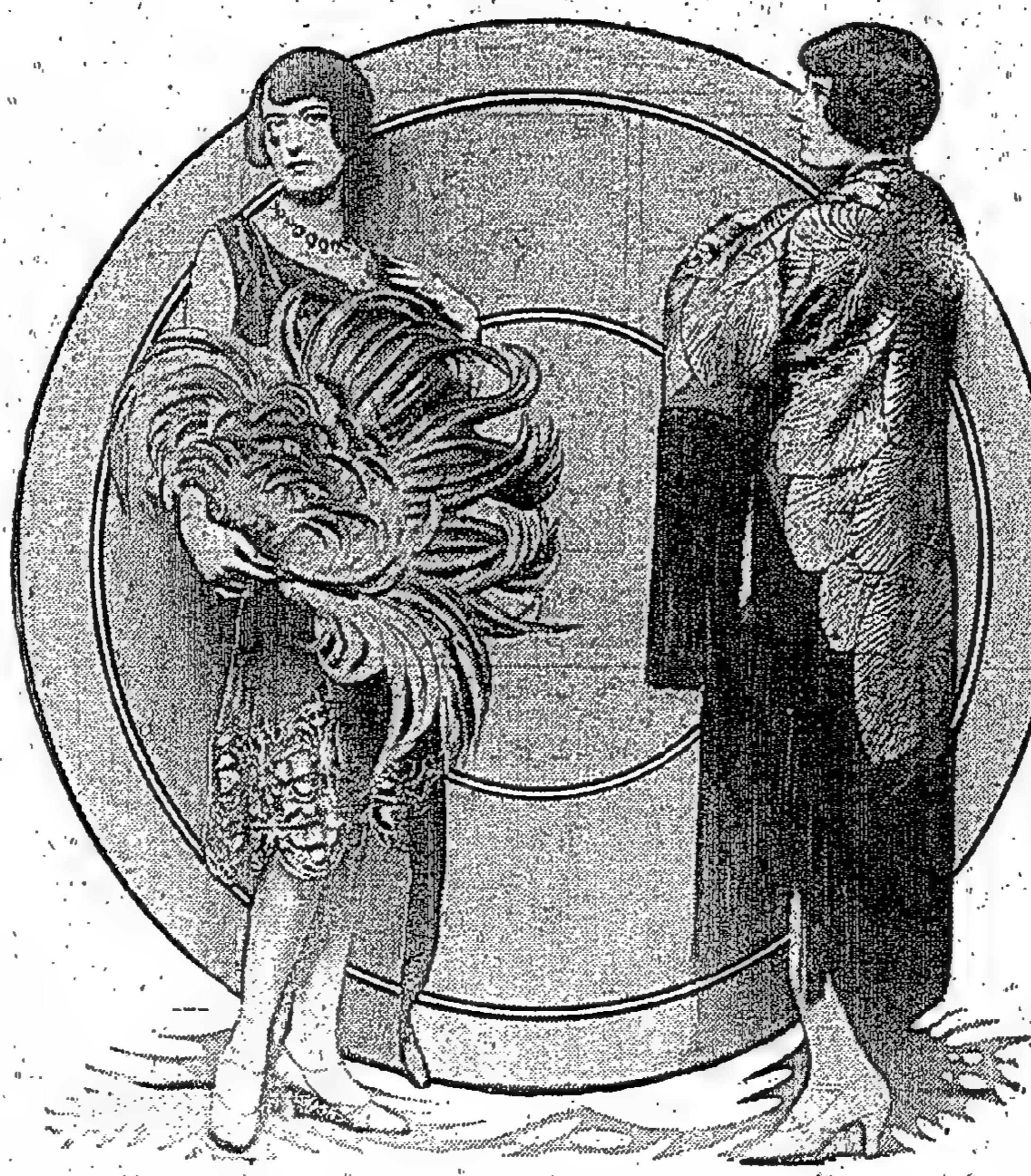
Another point, to bear in mind is your style of dancing. The Charleston has not helped matters in this direction. It has "made dancing ugly, and ugliness, giving as it does very little pleasure, adds nothing of value to one's individual well-being. Look after your dancing style, acquire grace and a fleet movement in the dances you do, and you cannot but derive inspiration and physical improvement from the process.

Don't dance for the sake of dancing, either in summer or winter, or you will speedily be reduced to boredom. If you dance whenever you feel the need of it you can never go wrong in your calculations.

Perhaps it is true that we take our dancing too self-consciously and wonder whether we ought to enjoy ourselves, while the enjoyment is slipping away. But the warm and cordial atmosphere, the attractive lighting, the exhilarating music of an average ballroom are undoubtedly of enormous recuperative value to normal humanity, and it is a sound instinct which makes for the dance floor without paying too much attention to ulterior matters of health and sanity.



A SOCIETY BEAUTY.



Two accessories that no smart debutante or matron could possibly do without are a coloured fan and a golden shawl.

OVER THE TEA CUPS.

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BY "JOAN.")

London, November, 18.

Stephanie's first contribution to our page is the dainty little nightie herewith, which I am sure you will agree combines grace and utility. It is not one of those affairs which one leaves about negligently for the edification of observers . . . and wears something else at night! Stephanie says that such a garment made in white, cream, or coloured voile, and inset with torchon lace, will wear and wash and wear again, looking delightful until it falls to bits. Of course, crepe de chine and finer lace can be employed in the making; but the voile is particularly suitable for the design. The pin-tucks, too, are a very delightful form of ornamentation.

Then Margarita's contribution is a little knife-pleated crepe de chine frock, to be worn with a coat of contrasting colour. Those of you who live in climates of a variable nature know what a boon the smart little house-coat can be. Last year it became a recognised article of evening and afternoon wear, supplanting the doubtful "woolly" which was guaranteed to spoil any woman's appearance, to say nothing of the fact that one immediately caught a cold upon leaving it off. This season it has become an integral part of the scheme of things sartorial, in that no "little" dress will be complete without it, and as it is made of a light fabric, it will slip under a wrap coat without suffering any ill effects.

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UNNATURAL POSES.

"Just be perfectly natural, please," he says, and immediately we feel less natural than ever in our lives, before, writes V. Sackville-West in the *Evening Standard*.

A few moments later, after a frenzied effort on our part to recapture through desultory chatter the magic of self-forgetfulness, the horrid man trips us again. "Just hold that expression, please," he says, and the smile stiffens on our lips.

We continue to grin in frozen

IS THAT SO?

Writing of Sir Frank Benson last week reminded me that one of his greatest recruits is now touring Canada—Mr. Matheson Lang. Canada was Mr. Lang's birthplace, and before he left London, he told me that he was looking forward with much interest to playing there. In the course of his career, he has played in nearly all the Dominions, and he considers these tours beneficial to his companies, inasmuch as they prevent the players and plays from becoming stale. Colonial audiences, Mr. Lang thinks, are critical but appreciative of the right thing when they get it, and well "worth while."

He has a charming wife—known to playgoers as Miss Hutton Britton—who is accompanying him on his tour, but doing very little acting this time. They found, on previous occasions, that the Colonials were so hospitable, and the social demands upon them so severe, that Mrs. Lang is taking on that side of the trip and practically nothing else. What a life! By the way, when I saw them together, they told me what I think is a charming story. They met in the Benson company, and Sir Frank, having consideration for a very young actress confronted with the necessity for rehearsing a very "tough" love scene, said to Matheson Lang: "Take her over there somewhere, and work the scene out by yourselves first before you rehearse with the company." "We worked it out, as you

see!" said Mr. Lang, succinctly, and Mrs. Lang added quickly: "I remember thinking at the time that you needn't have been quite so energetic!"

THE STREET OF ADVENTURE.

If there is anyone who wants to read what the Kaiser William II thinks about himself and his activities—and doubtless there are thousands of people sufficiently interested to do so—there is "My Early Life," a book just published by Methuen. In spite of all we know about him, it is thrilling and intriguing to try and work out the why and wherefore of him. Notwithstanding which, it is my personal opinion that the gentleman rightly should be classified among those who assert that "the owl was a baker's daughter."

For admirers of "General John Regan," "Spanish Gold" and the other books of George A. Birmingham, there is a new one entitled "The Smuggler's Cave." I always think that G. A. B. is one of those writers who can be depended upon not to go below a certain standard and to interest even when he does not convince. "Jan Hay" is another writer who never entirely lets one down, and in his new book "Half a Sovereign," you will find his usual light humour and touch. Towards the end, he has a tilt at the occult, but this needn't deter anyone, because it's nothing particularly serious one way or the other.

We can't get away from the human camera. Its little shutter is recording impressions of us, snapshotting our mobility; and as we note approval or criticism so we are prompt to exaggerate or to modify. Unless, indeed we react contrariwise and take a spiteful pleasure in going against the influence of our company.

Even so the posturing remains; it catches us either way. There is no escape.

The matter might rest there, with little hurt to anybody. There is, after all, no reason why we should let others see us as we are if we don't choose to. We put on clothes for disguise and decency, so why shouldn't we also put on a

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

CHOCOLATE DELYSIA.

A delicious chocolate sweet can be made by taking a quarter of a pound of any good make of chocolate, grating it, and putting it into a basin. Then stand the basin over a saucepan of boiling water for thirty minutes, stirring occasionally. Allow it to cool slightly, and then add separately the yolks of four eggs, beating thoroughly. Whisk the whites of eggs to a very stiff froth and fold them into the mixture ("fold" means add very slowly, without any attempt to beat). Then pour the mixture into a glass dish and stand it aside for eight hours. When ready to serve, cover with cream, and keep it very cold until sent to the table.

No innovation of this season has met with greater response than the bloused back. In evening gowns it is particularly featured.

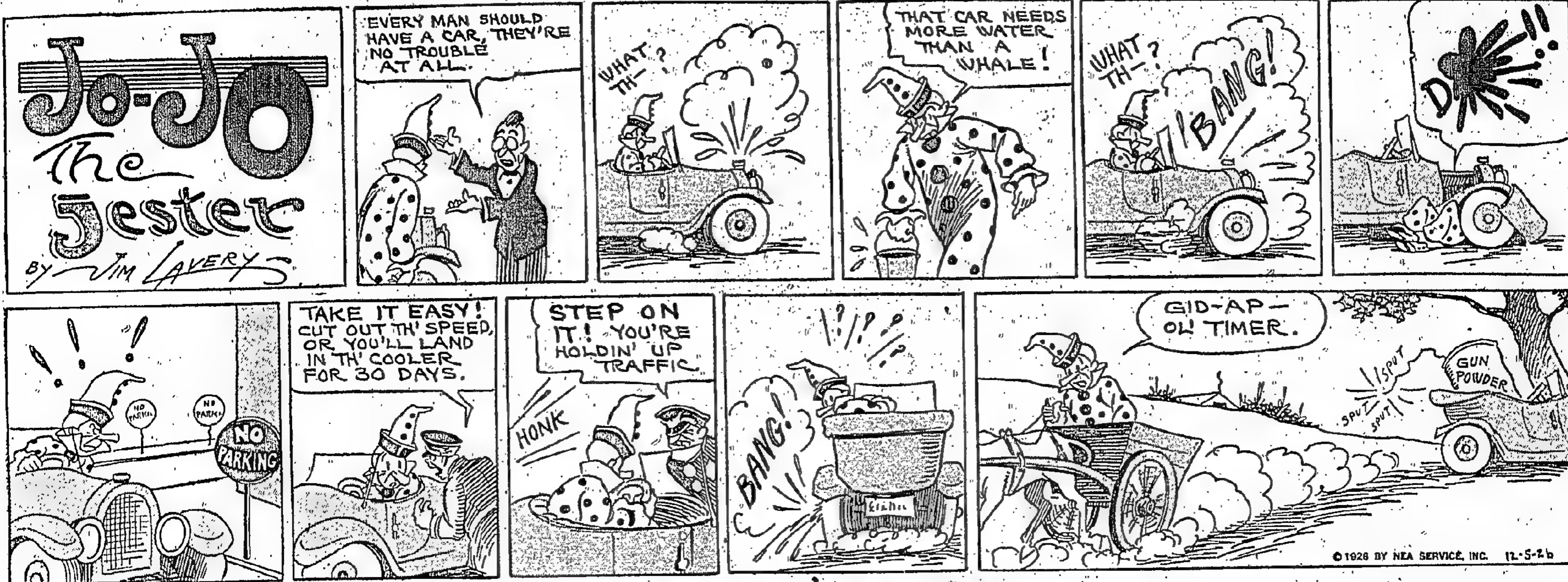
Black broadcloth coats trimmed with light furs such as summer ermine, natural lynx and light colour foxes are the very smartest wraps you can effect.

Matching belts and hat bands, particularly in high colours such as Valecia blue or crimson are very much liked with plain coloured kasha or jersey sport dresses.

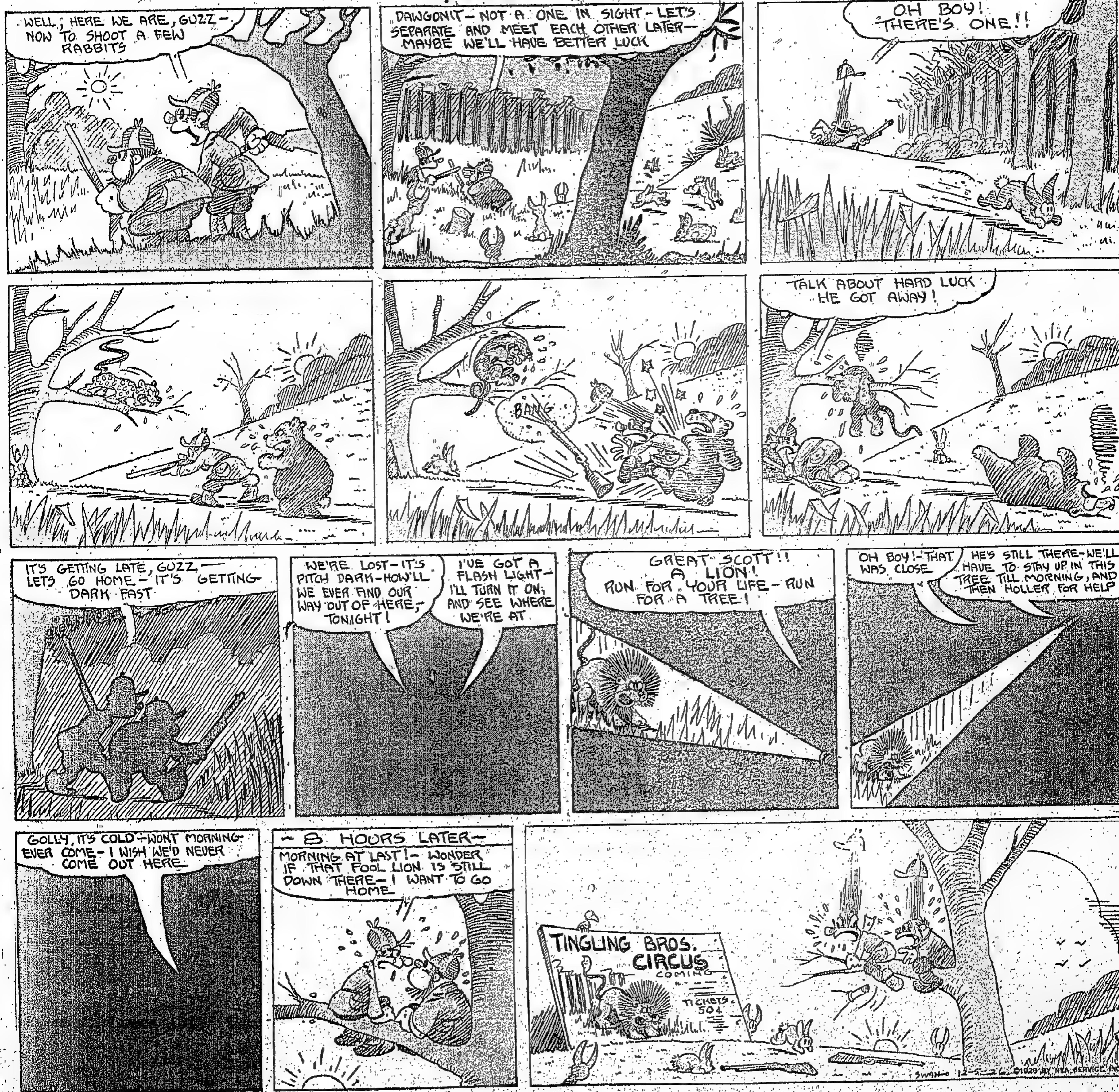
CAPTIVATES SOCIETY.



This debutante beauty is captivating Washington society this season. She is Miss Lillian Tuckerman, daughter



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GOLF.

LADIES' COMPETITION.

In connection with the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, a prize has been presented for a Bogey Competition restricted to nursing sisters, school teachers, and any other ladies whose occupation prevents them from entering an ordinary competition.

The competition will be played on the new course at Fanling between 22nd December, 1926, and 15th January, 1927, under Bogey conditions $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap, being allowed. Any number of cards may be taken out. The book in the Ladies' Club House must be signed before starting.

FOOTBALL INCIDENT.

TWO SUSPENSIONS.

A meeting of the Emergency Committee of the H.K.F.A. and the Army Command Football Committee was held last evening, to consider the circumstances leading up to the R. A. team leaving the field of play during their game with the Police on Saturday last, also for Whittingdon of the same team, being ordered off the field by the referee.

The joint Committees suspended Leach for the remainder of the season for ordering the R. A. team to leave the field, and suspended Whittingdon for eight weeks for ungentlemanly conduct and threatening the referee.

The R. A. representative present apologised to the Committees, and regretted the incident, and said that steps would be taken to prevent a recurrence.

BOWLS CHAMPION.



Above is Mr. J. McMurtrie, of Shanghai, a former Hongkong resident, who has just won the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Championship. He has enjoyed the unique experience of not having lost a match this season.

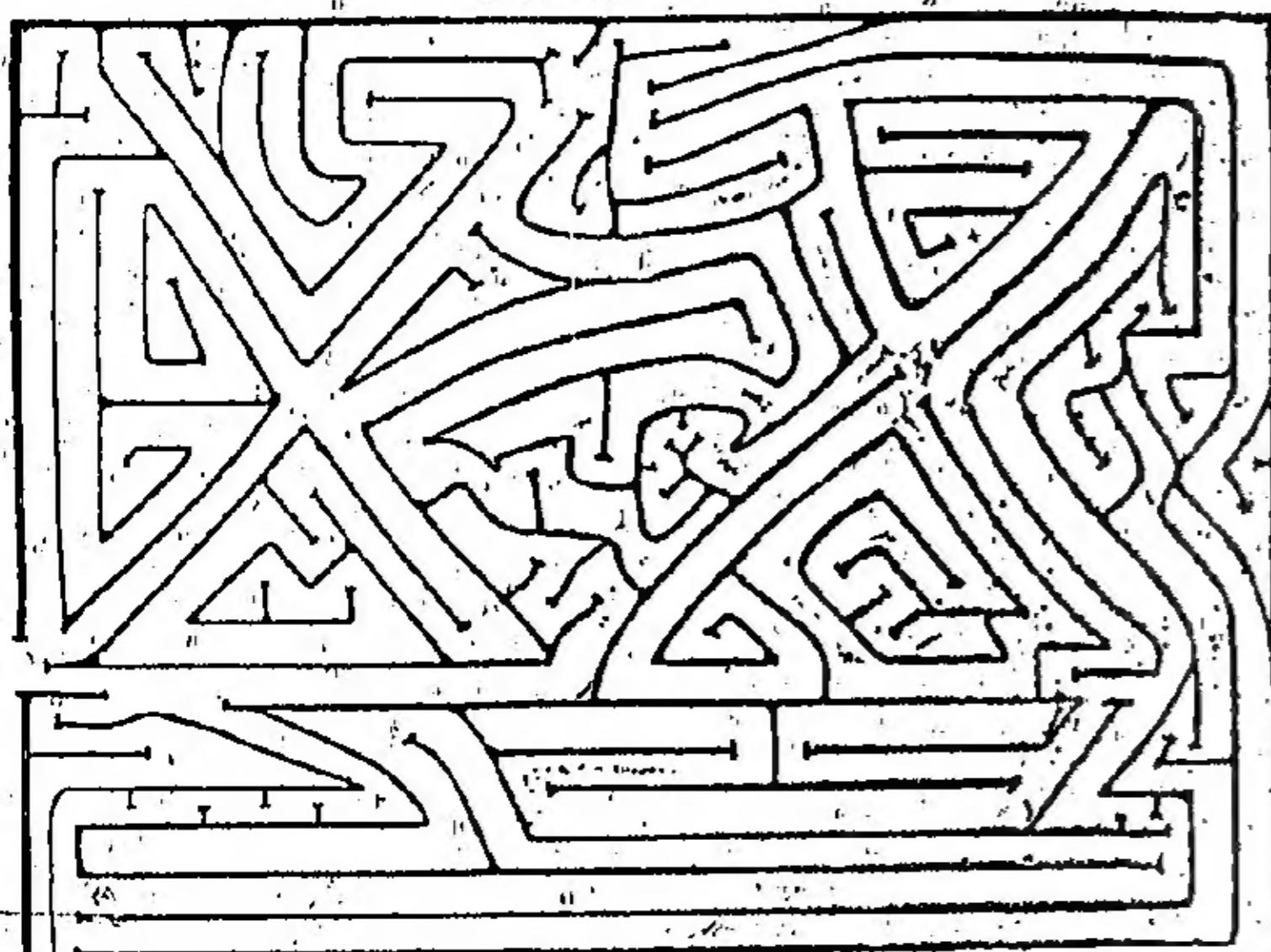
Mr. Charles James Thomson has been appointed President of the Pilotage Board, in the place of the Assistant Harbour Master, until further notice.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Private Alistair MacKenzie to be Second Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The master of the s.s. *Suiyang*, from Shanghai and Swatow, reports that the No. 3 cook disappeared on the trip down and it is presumed he committed suicide by jumping overboard.

THE MYSTIC MAZE.

By WALTER B. GIBSON



Start at the entrance to this mystic maze and try to find a path that will lead you in and out among the network of passages.

As you progress in your journey, the line you trace will form the outline of a picture, which will thus be automatically drawn.

You must not pass through barriers; you must not retrace your way. There is only one possible course through the maze, and that is the correct one.

When you have solved the puzzle, fill in the outline of the picture with a heavy pencil, and thus complete the picture. It will bring back memories of summer days.

TAIPO TOPICS.

(By our Correspondent at the Front.)

Taipo, Dec. 17th.

In the cool of the evening when approaching Taipo from Tolo Harbour, comes across a black b(u)o and a Red Light, the combination being almost sufficient to make really nice people beat a hasty retreat to sea again.

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There is no necessity, however, for this Puritan attitude, for upon landing one comes across a wonderful community. Firstly, we find the finalists in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Championship living in the same cave, each one in turn with his eyes sticking out like bat pegs as the other sits down to tear off his evening ration of hash.

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Everybody in the place is a J.P. except one, and he keeps the J.P.s going in ready cash owing to his wonderful ability at cracking bottles of all varieties from milk to rice.

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The Non-J.P.s is taking up a new hobby this winter, viz., the construction of a ladder to enable the malaria mosquito larvae to ascend from the swamps on Crown Land in the district to the spawning ground in the early spring, with a view to providing really good angling for visitors.

UNIVERSITY COURT.

NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED.

His Excellency the Governor has nominated the following as Members of the Court of the University of Hongkong for a period of three years:—Messrs. Chau Yue-ting, A. H. Crook, K. E. Greig, Li Yau-tsun, Li Yik-mui, Lo Chung-kue, F. A. Perry, J. Hennessy Seth, W. E. L. Shenton, Wan Man-kai, Wong Kam-fuk and Wong Kwong-tin.

As representing Grant in aid Schools:—The Rt. Rev. G. R. Duprey, Bishop of Victoria; the Rt. Rev. Bishop Henry Valvorta, and Mr. W. L. Pattenden.

GOVERNMENT POSTS.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

The Gazette notifies the following appointments:

Mr. E. L. Akassiz to be Official Receiver in Bankruptcy.

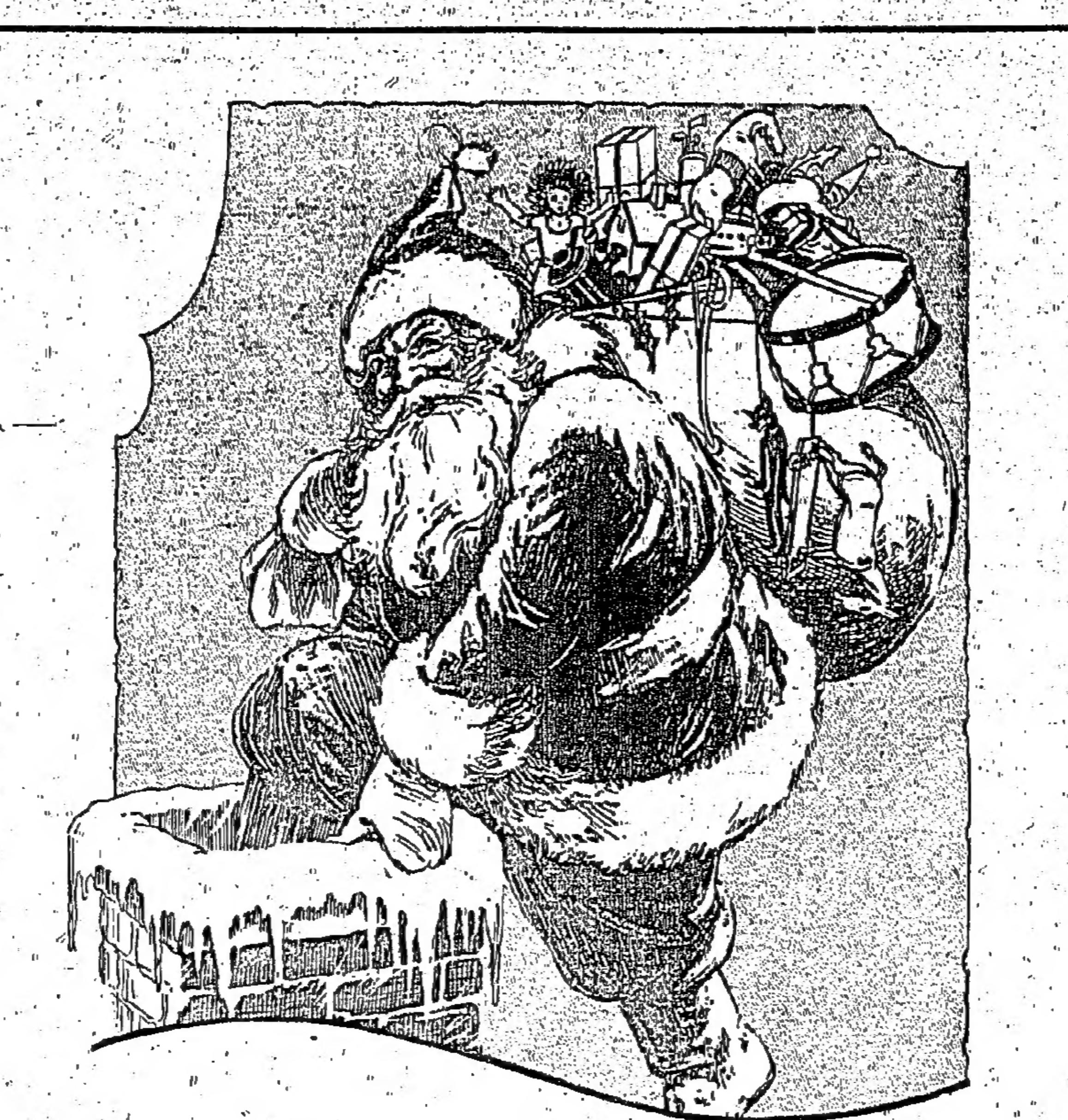
Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones to be Distress Officer, Southern District, New Territories.

Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones authorised to hold a Small Debts Court in the New Territories.

Mr. W. Schofield to act as Second Police Magistrate.

Managua, Dec. 17. President Diaz in a message to the Nicaraguan Congress strongly deprecates Mexico's interference and aggression, in Nicaraguan affairs, which he describes as inexplicable.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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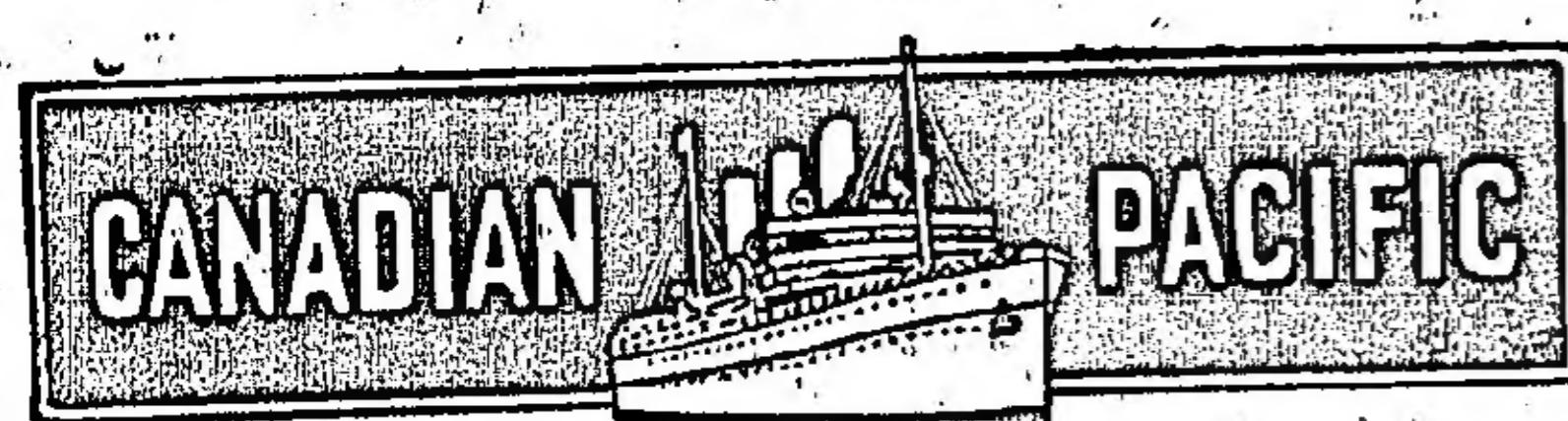
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CANTON LABOUR FEUD.

POLICE ARREST SIX PICKETS.

FIRM ACTION TAKEN.

A Canton correspondent states that on Thursday, a serious labour feud occurred at Tai Tak Maloo between the members of two rival Unions of comb-makers, resulting in one being killed and many wounded.

Despite police interference, the fight continued and General Chien Tu-chun, the new Commissioner of Public Safety, on learning of the news, at once despatched a large body of armed police to suppress the feud. Subsequently, the police arrested six pickets and took them to the Canton Police Headquarters, where they were accused of breaking the law.

But the trouble did not end there. The Workers' Representative Conference represented to the Commissioner, on behalf of the comb-makers, that the action taken by the police was entirely contrary to Kuomintang principles which guaranteed protection to the proletariat, and further stated that the arrested should be immediately released. It was added that the labour feuds were encouraged by reactionary elements or "running dogs of Imperialists" who were attempting to crush Trade Unionism.

The Commissioner, however, turned a deaf ear to the pleas and the arrested pickets are still detained. What action will be taken by the Workers' Conference remains to be seen.

It will be recalled that when General Chien Tu-chun took office as Commissioner of Public Safety recently, he declared that no labour trouble or lawlessness would be tolerated. He also said that arbitrary arrests and picketing of business shops by Unions must be suppressed without clemency.

THE DOHENY VERDICT.

CONFLICTING POLITICAL COMMENTS.

New York, Dec. 17.
Newspaper comments on the acquittal of Messrs. Fall and Do-
heny are tinged with political bias.The Republican *Herald* and *Tribune* rejoices at the acquittal as a wholesome corrective to sensationalism and as a triumph for the jury system. It admits that the result is far from being a clean bill of health for Fall, but thinks the jury could not ignore the patriotic motives behind the Doheny contract or the fact that the country benefited by the transaction in the swift construction of oil tanks.

A Honolulu paper also thinks that Doheny's character as a pioneering American type, influenced the jury in his favour.

On the contrary the Democratic *New York Times* declares that the charges are notoriously hard to prove and the people of the United States, who constitute the larger jury, will feel that scandalous impropriety, if not technically a crime, was committed.—Reuter's American Service.

LABOUR CONDITIONS IN AMERICA.

BRITISH MISSION'S REPORT.

London, Dec. 17.

BROKER SUES BROKER IN F. M. S.

The Government industrial mission to Canada and the U. S. has returned, most impressed with many new experiments in the United States and Canada and the effect of healthier and more harmonious relationships between capital and labour, both with and without the Trade Unions' co-operation.

A noticeable feature is the large and constantly increasing amount of stocks and shares held by work people in the companies with which they are employed and another development is group insurance, under which the workers are individually insured, both sides contributing to the premiums. Many of the larger plants have full time qualified doctors and nurses to attend their work people gratis at surgeries at the works, and these are provided on business and not on sentimental ground. The wages level is much higher than in England and much is done to relieve the workman of heavy manual toil. Normal hours vary from 40 to 60 hours weekly. There have been a few strikes lately, but these were regarded as local and did not affect an industry as a whole.—Reuter.

The plaintiff said that on July 7 last he bought 1,000 shares in Tin Land Consolidated Ltd., at \$1 per share from the defendants for which he obtained the usual receipt. He, however, never received the shares although he called for them on several occasions. He wrote several letters, but the defendants did not even reply to them.

Mr. E. D. Shearn, appearing for the plaintiff, said that no defence had been filed by the defendants and as they were not in court he presumed that they were not contesting the case. He would, therefore, formally put Mr. Froda in the box for his evidence.

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Mr. Shearn next produced one of the letters calling upon Fearn and Co. to deliver the shares and asked witness whether that had been sent to defendants.

Witness replied that it had, but he could not say whether it was posted or delivered by hand. Mr. Shearn said that Pooley and Co. had also written to Fearn and Co. on this subject, but there was no reply.

His Lordship: Has there been any admission by the defendants that these letters reached them?

Witness replied that there was no such admission.

His Lordship: In your letter of October 12 you called upon the defendants to deliver the shares within three days?—Yes.

At that date what was the market price of these shares?—\$2.10.

His Lordship said that the delivery of the letters would have to be proved and after a short adjournment the two chit books were produced and put in as evidence.

His Lordship gave judgement for the plaintiff for \$850.

SHORT TIME ABANDONED.

A SURPRISING LANCASHIRE DECISION.

London, Dec. 17.

Lancashire is surprised at the decision of the Short-time Organisation Committee of the Federation of Master Cottonspinners' Associations, at a meeting at Manchester to-day to abandon short-time in the American yarn-spinning section.

The official reason given is the manner in which short-time is being observed.—Reuter.

THE FRANC.

IMPROVEMENT BRINGS BANK RATE REDUCTION.

Paris, Dec. 17.

The Banque de France has reduced its discount rate to six and a half per cent. The rate was raised to seven and a half per cent when the franc was quoted at 200 to the £1 in order to compel the repatriation of French capital.

It is now considered that the object is largely attained and the reduction comes as a boon to French trade which is languishing.—Reuter.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

CEYLON TO REMAIN A PARTICIPANT.

Colombo, Dec. 17.

The Council has rejected a motion to stand out of the rubber restriction scheme. The mover did not vote.—Reuter.

LOCAL MILITARY WEDDING.



This group was taken at the wedding on Thursday of Major G. L. Peterson, R.A.S.C., and Mrs. Compton Smith. The bride was given away by Major General Luard, who is seen on extreme-left. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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